The Ahooga News

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Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club



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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 at the Portland Swap Meet.

Beaver Chapter Membership commences on January 1st, or the date paid and expires on December 31st. Dues are $25 for a member plus $1:00 for a spouse/partner. Late renewals are charged $5.00. Make a check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send directly to Chris Irwin507 N College, Newberg, OR, 97132. 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 and mail directly to 250 S. Cypress St. La Habra, CA 90631-5315.

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Beaver Chapter Webmaster: Pamela McClaflin. **Web Site: http//beaverchapterford.org**

The Ahoooga News is the club newsletter. Articles and contributions are encouraged and will be used as space permits. Send directly to the Editor at mandphaighthorsefarm@yahoo.com. The deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.

THE PREZ SEZ

September 2026

The Beaver chapter organized three interesting tours this September. Our first tour on September 10th was a visit to the Speedster Shop at Brooks Northwest Vintage Car Museum. During our August general meeting our club voted to contribute to a youth program that specialized in learning how to work on vintage cars from the Model A era. A group of several Beavers toured that shop and visited with several of the folks who run their program. They showed us around and described the projects the young people work on and the auto shop equipment they are being trained on. Most of the training experience is done on a one-to-one basis with all volunteer instructors.

At our September meeting, the folks who toured the museum shared their impressions and wholeheartedly recommended the excess funds generated from the MAFCA National Convention be donated there. A motion was made, and it passed unanimously. On September 11th, Gary Bartman and Tom Irwin presented our check to the Museum Speedster Shop.







- **Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum Speedster Shop donation completed**.
  On Thursday, September 17th after a positive vote at our Sept 16th club meeting I, along with Chris and Tom Irwin and Vincent Dunn delivered our club donation check to the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum at Brooks. I presented the check to Ron Smith and Gary Dennis and they were thrilled with the donation and the amount of the check. It was specifically designated to be 100% for the use of the Speedster Program youth education.
  They have a goal for the students to complete a Model A speedster by the end of the school year in June and I along with others are working on securing a rolling chassis and other parts. I hope to report back on their progress over the next several months.
  Note that the Speedster Shop is run 100% by volunteer / mentors who meet every Thursday along with several students from local high schools and home school programs. The Speedster Shop is specifically looking for two mentors to replace those who are retiring. They need a metal working mentor for their sheet metal and body work efforts and another who is familiar with Model A Fords to assist on the speedster work.

  Submitted by Gary Bartman

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGES FOR THE BY LAWS

Beaver Board,

Attached is a file containing our current Bylaws and procedures. I have marked in yellow those items that I believe should be deleted/revised prior to the end of the year. All proposed changes relate to the demise of the swap meet. Dealing with them now will improve the 2027 membership booklet. We will need to follow the bylaws revision procedure for the bylaw item. The procedure changes only require a simple board vote.

Bylaws

Article 9 – Committees

Delete section 2

Renumber section 3

Procedures

Charitable Gifts – Delete swap meet reference

Annual Banquet Attendees – Delete swap meet reference

Swap Meet Committee Members – Delete entire section

Swap Meet Board of Directors – Delete entire section

Swap Meet Booth Police – Delete entire section

Annual Past President Tour – Delete swap meet reference

BEAVER CHAPTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

President Kent Uhl called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sunshine Report: Debbie Dutton reported Ken Haider has Spinal Melanoma and he would like phone calls instead of cards.

Tours: Kirk Metteer will lead a tour to an interesting collection in Redland on October 3rd. Meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center for a 9:30 departure. The host will have a main dish and baked beans. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert.
Greg Edwards will have a seminar at his shop on September 26th at 9AM. Chad Worthington will lead a tour to Gregs from the Oregon City Shopping Center departing at 7:30AM.
Gary Bartman reported that he met Gary Davis who runs the Brooks Museum student workshop. There is an adult mentor for each student. Gary was really impressed by the scope of work.
Chris Irwin reported on the Tour to Dan Brentano's farm. Dan gave a very informative talk about raising garlic and gave everyone a small sack of garlic. Then we drove to his grass seed processing plant and learned about raising grass seed.

Jeanie Adair brought three beautiful dahlia bouquets and these were raffled off to the ladies. Winners were Debbie Dutton, Anita Uhl and Diane Tricas.

The September Tour to Shady Dell Miniature Railroad: Meet at Berry Hill at Hwy 213 & Beavercreek Rd. Departure time 9:45AM.

Regarding our refund from the Blue Mountain A's who hosted the MAFCA National Meet: The Brooks Museum youth program and Sandy Highschool's program were considered. Kent editorialized that Sandy Highschool did not qualify as they work on too modern of cars. Gary Bartman reported the Brooks program will build a speedster from scratch this year. They are looking for a rolling Model A chassis. Kent asked David Adair to read the motion made in August regarding the donation which was "I move we limit our discussion for youth programs working on cars of our hobby." Chris Irwing moved we give our donation to the Brooks youth program to use as they see fit. Seconded by Daily Holman. After discussion the motion passed with one member abstaining. Gary Bartman will deliver the check on Thursday.

Nominations for 2027: Debbie Dutton asked for nominations on three vacant positions. David Adair said, "It's my privilege to nominate Chad Worthington for Vice President." Leonard Dutton was nominated for Member at Large. This leaves the position of Secretary and Sargent at Arms open for next year.

Kent said Dues are due and members need to fill out a Membership Application.

Portland Swap Meet: Mike reported all refunds have been made, bills are paid, government rules have been taken care of and our LLC should be dissolved by the end of October.

Raffles: Name Tag won by Leonard Dutton; Membership won by Jenny Ryan; and 50/50 was won by Jake Rehlinger.

Club Photo Contest: Debbie wants photos by November 19th.

Annual Christmas Potluck: This will be the first Saturday in December, that's the 5th!

Respectively Submitted,

David Adair Secretary

BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Kent Uhl at 6 PM. Members present were: Chad Worthington, Ron Baird, Debbie Dutton, Kirk Metteer, Mike Worthington, Michael Haight, and David Adair. Guests were: Leonard Dutton, Jeanie Adair, Anita Uhl, Pam McCaflin and Terry Findley.

Old Business: There was a motion made at the August club meeting to limit discussion on gifting out National Meet refund to youth programs. Sandy High School and the Brooks museum youth program both qualify.

BYLAW Change: The discussion to remove Article IX, Section 2. **Swap Meet Committee Representatives.** Ron Baird made a motion to delete Article IX Section 2 from the Bylaws. Debbie Dutton seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next two issues of the Ahoooga News must contain an article explaining this change to the Bylaws.
David Adair "I move we eliminate all references to the Portland Swap Meet in the Guidelines, Policies and Procedures. This was seconded by Ron Baird. This motion passed unanimously.

New Business: All Members need to fill out a new Membership Application to renew their membership. There are errors in email and phone numbers that need to be cleared up.
Remember, Dues are $25.OO and Spouse Dues are $1.00.

Club Members visited the Brooks Museum to check out their youth program and they reported they thought the program was excellent.

Tours: Kirk reviewed the August Tour to Brentano's Farm and stated that this was an excellent tour.
The September Tour will be a visit to the Molalla Shady Dell Miniature Railroad.
On October 3rd Kirk will take us to visit an interesting collection near Redlands.
This will be a potluck. The host will furnish the main dish.
Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.
Greg Edwards will have a Steering Seminar at 9AM, Saturday, September 26th at his shop.

Treasurers Report: Mike reported all our bills are paid.

David Adair shared some items from a Minnesota Model A club. These were items were coloring books for kids, refrigerator magnets for adults and a brochure for perspective members. They are all items their club uses.

Meeting adjourned.

David Adair, Secretary

2026 Tour Season - October to December

Date	Leader(s)	Comments
October 3	Metteer	**Interesting Collection -** Meet OC Shopping Center at 9:00 AM, Depart at 9:30 AM. Arrive at 20470 S. Sprague Road, Oregon City about 10:15 AM. **This is a potluck gathering**. Hosts intend to provide pulled pork, baked beans and maybe fresh corn. **Please bring a side dish or dessert, provide your own drinks and bring chairs**. No fee to attend (other than a potluck dish).
November	**?**	
December	No tour generally planned.	

Tour Chairman- Kirk Metteer Ph: 503-910-4900; email: kirk.metteer@gmail.com

Please contact me if/when you would like to propose and/or lead a tour.

SEPTEMBER TOUR REPORT

Departing on track 6 is the Shady Dell and Great Western miniature train and "All Aboard" was the conductor's call. Participating in this great family adventure from Beaver Chapter were:

Chad Worthington.....31 Pickup
Helen and Mike Worthington.....31 S/W
Laura and Dale Parsons.....31 W/B Pickup
Vincent Dunn.....31 Coupe
Pam McClaflin and Terry Findley.....31 S/W
Erin, Jarrod and Charlie Wickum.....29 Tudor
Anita and Kent Uhl.....29 Tudor
Kay Scott and Marlin Binder.....29 Coupe
Linda and Ted Downs.....31 Roadster
David Adair and Drake Vidkjer.....31 W/B Pickup
Driving Modern Irons were:
Diane Tricas and Chris Jensen
Connie, Cody, Alayna and Flynn Watts
Debbie and Leonard Dutton
Candee Swensen and Colsen Temple
Judy and Geff Adair and Morgan Vidkjer
Jeanie Adair and Megan Pardi
Kelsey, Kati and Emily Downs and children

This small group of people packed hours of fun into riding small steam and electric powered trains. Arriving early at 10:30 about a half an hour before the park opened we were able to park all ten Model A's inside the park where they remained on display for the rest of the day. The modern irons could park really close to the entrance. Late arrivals parked up to a half a mile away. Steam engines take a while to make enough steam to operate. The train rides began about 11:30.

Two rides around the park and presto it was lunch time. Then two more trips around and all of a sudden it was time to leave. All in all this was a memorable tour. I enjoyed planning and leading the tour and I want to thank all of you who participated to make this little train park a real success and one that the children will remember for many years.

David Adair

TWO TOOTH STEERING GEAR SEMINAR

9:00AM Saturday at Greg Edwards shop the following were gathered for a Steering Seminar. Greg was the presenter, Mike Worthington was videographer and others present were: Vincent Dunn, Chris Jensen and Diane Trica, Dale Parsons, Chad Worthington, Kent Uhl, Terry Findley, Ted Downs and David Adair.

Greg took us through step by step in the assembly and adjustment of a two tooth steering gear. More important was what not to adjust. You shouldn't adjust the worm adjusting screw while the steering gear is in the car. This adjusting screw is set with a lock nut and you never touch it again. We learned which eccentric and how to center the two tooth gear to the worm gear. There is a thrust screw which is snugged and then backed off about 0.0002" and then secured with a lock nut.

This entire seminar was very clearly presented and there was plenty of time for questions. Are we ready to take on a steering gear assembly without adult supervision? I don't think so! But at least we know what not to tamper with when the steering gear is in the car.

At the very end, Greg demonstrated obtaining a black oxide finish on mild steel. He cleaned the part with lacquer, placed the part in a chemical by "JAX". After about half a minute it had a perfect black oxide finish and then Greg immediately dried it off. As a rust preventive this part was dipped in oil and again wiped dry. Greg said this would help retard rust.

All in all the steering gear seminar was a worthwhile endeavor. I for one appreciate the tremendous effort by Greg and Mike presenting this seminar in our behalf.

David Adair

A Hidden Electrical Fault

By Tom Endy

Reproduction Model A Ford firewall terminal blocks have been made in Hong Kong for at least the last 30 years that I am aware of and each has a potential hidden electrical fault that can be very difficult to locate and it could be disastrous, and actually cause a fire. The word Hong Kong is stamped on them, so there is no question where they come from.

In the photo, the back side of the terminal block seen on the right attaches directly to the fire wall with four screws. The originals were constructed such that the two terminal studs were molded into the structure during the manufacturing process and there is no way they could short out to the fire wall. The reproductions were manufactured by drilling two holes through the molding and inserting two screws into them from the back that form the two studs that are retained by a nut on each at the front. The two screws can easily back out and touch the fire wall. Both studs (screws) always have battery power on them, so there would be a direct electrical short circuit that is totally obscured.

It is prudent to do some modification to the Hong Kong terminal blocks before installing them. First, apply a little lock tight to the threads of the two screws where they screw into the nut at front and securely tighten. Next fill the hole behind each screw head with JB Weld. This will prevent the screw from backing out and shorting to the fire wall. JB Weld is non-conductive. The terminal block seen at right in the photo has had this done to it.



DISTRIBUTOR REVISITED



Mike Worthington and I decided the distributor work party needs to be revisited. There was a bottle neck reaming bushings. So next time there will be several reamers. We will have another work party in March. I only mention this now because the Albany Swap Meet is in November and that is a good place to look for rebuildable distributors. Another good source is long time members of our club. It seems besides having multiple cars, they also have accumulated spare parts.

There will be a short distributor seminar after the October Meeting.

David Adair

2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR MAFCA BEAVER CHAPTER

Your membership application for 2027 is in our October AGOOGA Newsletter. This year, we'd really appreciate it if all Regular and Honorary members could fill out the entire application, even if there are no changes. This will help us keep our records up-to-date. Please submit your renewal application and check by the end of 2026 so your information can be included in our 2027 Membership Directory.
Please bring your renewal application and check to a club meeting or mail it to:

Chris Irwin

507 N College St

Newberg, OR 97132.

PLEASE, READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND FOLLOW THEM . THE CLUB NEEDS TO UPDATE IT'S MEMBERSHIP FILES THIS YEAR AS THE RECORDS ARE FULL OF ERRORS. THE EMAIL ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERSAND MAILING ADDRESSES NEED TO BE REVIEWED BY OUR MEMBERDHIP DIRECTOR. BE ADVISED THE DUES FOR 2027 WILL BE $25.00 PLUS $1.00 FOR THE SPOUSE OR YOUTH. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

The Newsletter editor

Michael Haight

Office Use: Member#_____Spouse#_____Youth #1_____Youth #2_____Youth #3_____

MEMBER APPLICATION BEAVER CHAPTER MAFCA Month_____ Year_____

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

NAME_____SPOUSE NAME _____
Last First

STREET_____CITY_____ST_____ZIP_____

HOME PHONE_____CELL PHONES **M**_____**S**_____

E-MAIL: **M**_____BIRTHDAY: Month_____Day_____

S_____BIRTHDAY: Month_____Day_____

CAR YEAR (optional)_____BODY STYLE_____

Honorary Member Since (_____)

Beaver Chapter Dues ($25.00)..... $_____

Spouse Dues ($1.00) ..... $_____

Additional $5.00 Dues if paid after Dec 31st (for renewing members only) **$**_____

Youth Dues ($1.00 each) (Must be between 15 and 20 years of age) $_____

Youth Names: 1._____2._____3._____

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(monthly electronic versions are no additional charge)

Total Due $_____

NOTE: Dues paid by a new applicant on or after July 1st shall constitute payment of the full dues for the following year.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME & MAINTAIN MAFCA MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE CONTACT MAFCA: 250 SOUTH CYPRESS, LA HABRA, CA 973315515 PHONE: 562-697-2712

NOTE: If joining after September 1st, membership and all club benefits to MAFCA will continue through the following year.

MEMBERS: HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MAFCA DUES: YES_____NO_____MAFCA NO._____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BEAVER CHAPTER MAFCA

Mail to: Chris Irwin, Membership Coordinator
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