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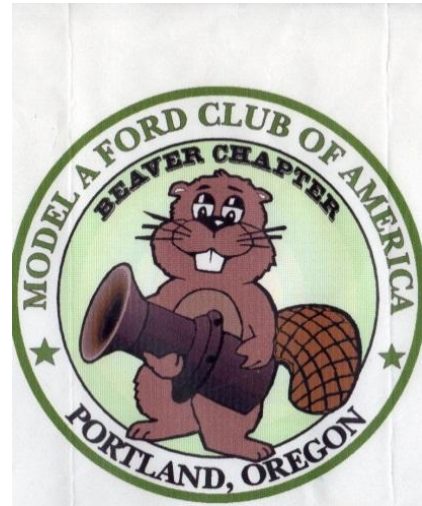


A foggy day on Mt. Tabor - Ray Horton's 1929 Business Coupe - See his car story on page 4.
The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, Portland Oregon
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BEAVER CHAPTER PORTLAND, OREGON

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.

Meetings: The third Wednesday of each month except December, 7:30PM at the Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas, OR 97015



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 membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send them to Dale Fiedler, PO Box 428 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 \$40.00. Mail to: MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress Ave., La Habra, CA 90631.

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CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2018

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Pam McClafflin; Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton; **Historian: Need a volunteer**; Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symank; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Ray Horton.

Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. **The deadline is the fourth Wednesday of each month 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 HOSTS: March Meeting - Bonnie & Richard Starkweather;
April Meeting - Michael & Penny Haight. **We still need someone to sign up for June and October meetings. Call Mary McConnell if you can volunteer - 503.656.8648**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Since we had a low turnout to the February meeting due to our snowy weather, I just wanted to make sure that you all had information on the latest offer from MAFCA. During 2018 they are offering a **FREE MEMBERSHIP** to anyone that has never had a membership in MAFCA. And of course that membership includes The Restorer magazine at no additional charge. We all know how useful that publication is with information on restoring your Model A, upcoming events, etc. So if you run across anyone who has a Model A or has an interest in the hobby, this is a good time to sign them up and have them become a member of the Beaver Chapter. We have so many knowledgeable members willing to help out fellow members with any aspects of their cars. Let's face it, our club membership is not getting any younger so it is always good to focus on getting some younger people involved with our hobby and keep a piece of our history on the roads.

Now is the time to get your cars tuned up for some of the great tours planned for this year. Tours are always a good time to show off our cars and also enjoy the many sites to see in this beautiful part of the country in which we reside. This snow isn't going to last long and spring will be on its way soon.

Chris Irwin - President



Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others.



This is another view of a business coupe I found on the internet. I thought I'd include it since this model is being featured this month. JA

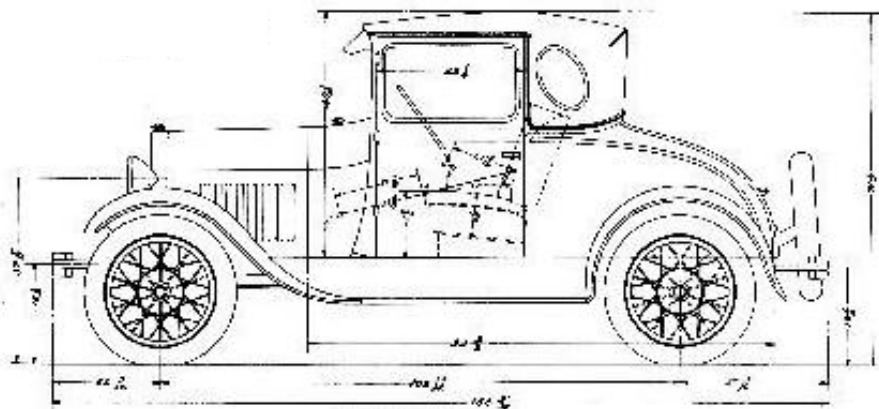


David Adair presented part 1 of a seminar on Model A Horn Maintenance at the February meeting. It will be continued with part 2 at the March meeting.



History of My Coupe ~ Ray Horton

I had been enamored of the Business Coupe (54A) for a long time, probably since I first saw one owned by a neighbor lady in 1962. Hers was a '28. As I got further into Model A's, I learned that the 1929 Business Coupe had an oval quarter window. I really liked that feature, and the search began. I wanted that Business Coupe with the oval window.



But it wasn't until 2006 that the search got serious. I watched auctions, eBay, MAFCA classifieds, and every other source I could imagine, willing even to travel across the country for the right car at the right price.

Well, there were only 37,644 oval window coupes made, and only in 1929. Because of the fabric top material, many had deteriorated rotted tops which leaked, and the lower bodies had consequently rusted away. They weren't actually "rare", but it was very hard to find one in any reasonable condition at a reasonable price, anywhere. Until 2011.

One day in August 2011, looking at the Portland Craigs List, >OH MY STARS!< There's a 1929 Business Coupe for sale in Beaverton! 15 miles from home! It looks good and the price is right. I know I'm gonna buy it even before I see it. But I go out, drive it, and make my offer, which is accepted. Yowza! I own a 1929 oval window Model A Business Coupe!

I drive it home, but the clutch fingers are so far out of adjustment it barely shifts. The engine is noisy and needs work. It overheats. Cosmetically it's acceptable, but I know I have mechanical work ahead. (I later learned that Tom Irwin had looked at the car and decide against it).

I have since gone through it mechanically, including an engine rebuild (that's a story in itself), brakes, clutch, radiator, electricals, trans, and it is now a really fun and reliable car to drive. It's light and quick and has great acceleration. I reconverted the rumble seat back to a trunk (factory original). I like the style because the sport/business coupe top refers to earlier buggy design, and the oval windows are so unusual and elegant! (Ford didn't use an opera window again until the 1956 Thunderbird hardtop). I have now had the car for seven years, and it is my favorite car.

TINY TIP - Door Handle Installation by Joe Tennyson, Chestertown, N.Y.

Before installing the exterior door handles on that freshly painted door, place several layers of masking tape around the hole that the handle mounts through. Sometimes considerable amounts of pressure are required before the handle will slip into position. This may cause the escutcheon to slam against the door, marring that beautiful new paint job. Several layers of masking tape are required because the edges of the escutcheon are very sharp. The tape is easily removed after the handle is in place. (Borrowed from The Desert A newsletter)



Jim's Tech Tip - Don't forget the Spare!

When checking tire pressures and bringing them back up to 35psi, don't forget to check the spare tire(s). I had a puncher last Monday and my spare only had about 20 psi in it. Luckily someone in the group had a small portable compressor with them and we were able to air it up and go.

Have a Model A Day, Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

*Three
Spring
Ensembles*

*Smartly
Different*



**COATS REMAIN FAVORITES
IN THE SPRING**

Correct for day wear in town and country is this green tweed coat, cut in straight lines, it has a fur collar. It is paired with a two-piece honey beige frock.

The blue flannel coat is smartly trimmed with gray broadtail, it wraps slightly. The slate blue dress has a side closure.

The cape coat is in red broadcloth trimmed with dyed squirrel. The smart afternoon print dress harmonizes, rather than matches the coat.

This fashion page was from a 1929 *Ladies Home Journal*.

~ Jeanie Adair

AUTOMOTIVE SHOP ESTATE SALE!

This is the Pat Brost's automotive related shop sale. This sale will have car parts, literature/manuals, tools, license plates, etc.

Dates: The sale will be open to Model A club members on Thursday, evening March 22nd from 6:30PM - 8:30PM. Sale open to the public on March 23-24th 10AM -5PM, and Sunday the 25th at 12-4PM.



BEAVER CHAPTER – MODEL A CLUB Board Meeting February 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chris Irwin. The January Board minutes were approved.

CLUB INVENTORY: Bill Henderson will check out the CD's and Walkie Talkies and report at the March Board Meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT'S TOUR: Richard Starkweather asked the Board's opinion regarding the allocation of the extra funds for the Past Presidents' Tour. Should we spend it on activities or lodging? The general opinion was in favor of using the extra money for lodging.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Forehand reported that one of our CD's is nearing maturity. The consensus of the Board was to have Ron seek advice from our banker regarding the reinvestment of these funds and bring a proposal to the March Board meeting. The CD matures on March 26th.

SWAP MEET: Mike Worthington reported that the Swap Meet is on track. The number of vendors' booths is the same as last year.

TOURS: Barbara Henderson reported that the February Bowling/Pizza Tour was a success. There were 19 bowlers and 28 people attending. The March Tour will be hosted by David and Jeanie Adair. It will be a Hubley Derby race. The location and further details will be included in the March newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Worthington has reviewed our membership records for the past 17 years. We have a 30% drop out rate after first 3 years. How do we retain members? Mike will be meeting with Ted and Dale to discuss this situation and he will make a presentation at another Board Meeting.

HONORARY MEMBERS: The Board will review perspective Honorary Club Members at the October Board Meeting.

Pat suggested that we use the photo contest winner on the front of our Membership Directory. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

Rayburn reported that he has been able to distribute many items that were saved by past historians. It was agreed by the board that the first 5 club albums be saved for historical purposes. The remaining albums will be distributed to interested club members at the general meeting.

Bill Henderson suggested that we sell any inventoried items not used by the club at our August swap meet.

David Adair reported that our club has been approached to host the Regional Meet in 2023 or 25. The Board agreed that this may be possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler, Secretary

BEAVER CHAPTER MODEL A CLUB - GENERAL MEETING February 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chris Irwin at 7:25PM. Mike Popiel led the flag salute. The January General Meeting Minutes were approved.

NAME TAG DRAWING was won by Lori Symank.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Ron Forehand.

TOURS: Barbara Henderson reported that everyone had a great time at the Bowling & Pizza Tour. There were 19 Bowlers and 28 people in attendance. Brenda Caseday won a prize. David and Jeanie Adair will be hosting the March Tour, a Hubley Derby Race, on March 24th. The Hubley Rules are on the MAFCA Website. Models can be purchased on eBay. The location of the event and further details will be in the March newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES were distributed by Dale Fiedler. Pick yours up at the meetings.

NEWSLETTER articles are due on Sunday following the meeting. Please submit them to Jeanie Adair.

SWAP MEET: Mike Worthington distributed the Swap Meet Duty Packets.

SUNSHINE: Brenda Caseday shared the sad news that Bob and Janice's daughter passed away.

CLUB HISTORIAN is still needed. Rayburn Mitchell brought past photobooks to the meeting. They are free for the taking. Early club photo/scrapbooks are being saved to preserve the club's history. There are also Beaver Patches for sale. Large: \$5.00 and Small: \$2.50 – If you are interested, contact Dale Fiedler.

RAFFLE – Lori Symank presented the raffle items.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: No one won the Membership Drawing.

SEMINAR – "Horn Maintenance" by David Adair.

RAFFLE was held by Lori Symank and Rayburn Mitchell.

REFRESHMENTS: Our thanks to Mary Proffitt and Brenda Caseday for bringing brownies and ice cream. Thanks also to Ted Downs for bringing the beverages.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler, Secretary

The old man decided it was time to modernize. He hitched the horse to the buggy and drove downtown to the Ford dealer, where he traded in his rig on a new 1912 Model T.

The salesman showed him how to drive the T, and he drove home and parked it in his barn. His neighbor saw this and decided to have some fun. He scooped up some road apples with a shovel, went to the old man's barn and dumped the pile on the barn floor directly under the Ford's tailpipe.

The old man came out to the barn in the morning and was amazed to see the manure pile under the car's exhaust. He called his wife to come and take a look and she too was amazed. He told her, "Get the book, Mother, and we'll see what Mr. Ford says about this."

His wife brought the owner's manual and the old man pored over it, searching for some explanation. At last his face brightened, and he said, "Ah, here it is. Mr. Ford says his car will do anything a horse can do." ~from Little Rhody A's newsletter





BOWLING TOUR

The Bowling Tour was held on Saturday, February 17th with 26 members and family in attendance, nineteen of which put on bowling shoes and tossed the bowling ball down the lanes.

Everyone had a good time and the pizza afterwards was just great.



A big "Thank You" to
Melanie Phillips for
organizing this event.

And thanks to the
Henderson's for taking
the photos.

I once tried to catch some fog...
I mist!



THE FIRST GET TOGETHER OF BEAVER CHAPTER MODEL A FANATICS!

Rayburn Mitchell is in charge of doling out some of the club history that the committee was charged with deciding what would be kept and what could be offered to club members. At the last board meeting he showed us an album from Beaver Chapters humble beginning. The following is minutes from their first recorded meeting. I hope you find it as interesting as I did. ~ Jeanie Adair

BULLETIN February 1, 1961

The first get-together of the Model A fanatics was a gabby success and the ground work was well established for an area chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. A Chapter name was unanimously adopted: "BEAVER".

How often and where meetings should be held was well discussed with majority approval of meeting dates as follows: (1) Third Wednesday of the odd calendar months, i.e. January, March, May, etc.; (2) Third Saturday of the even calendar months, i.e. February, April, June, etc.

Inasmuch as we are still in an embryo stage, it was agreed to continue our meetings at fella' members homes which will accommodate the group. The emphasis on this was to keep the monthly get-togethers as informal as possible.

Next on the agenda was selecting a By-Laws committee – composed of Stan Jones, Martin Bankus and yours truly. This committee was instructed to bring back to the A Bone devotees a proposed set of By-Laws to be adopted at the next meeting.

Ken Kinnear volunteered for the important and busy job of Activities Chairman. This can only be successful providing the rest of us give him a big assist by passing along any ideas we may have.

In regard to Charter Members of the Beaver Chapter it was unanimously adopted that any 'A' enthusiast who joins our group by the third meeting, March 15, 1961, will be considered a charter member.

Fifteen participants were on hand at this meeting and a lot of fun was had in drawing for Chapter Charter Card numbers. The enclosed list of Charter Members indicates the luck, or bad deal, that was drawn.

Andy Haunt volunteered to explore the costs for membership cards to be printed. He will report on this at the next meeting.

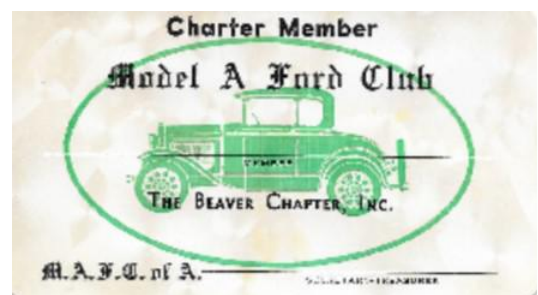
As February is an even month, the next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 18th at 2PM at the residence of Jack Lester.

Until our financial structure is agreed upon the numbers present donated a total of \$7.11 to start our treasury. Remember February 18th. Bring other enthusiasts, your A Bone and some little goodie that you are willing to part with. No fees involved.

Minutes submitted by Jack Lester, Chairman pro tem

This is a copy of the original chapter membership card.

There were sixteen charter members on the first original list. The only two families from the list that are still members of Beaver Chapter are Art and Marlynne Pugsley and Russ and Lois Smith. Turn to page 11 for early photos of these club members...



BEAVER CHAPTER PORTLAND SWAP MEET DUTY ROSTER FOR 2018 - AT THE EXPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH

ORANGE GATE: 7-10:30AM - Lyn McDonald; 10-1PM - Bill Henderson; 1-4:30PM - Richard Starkweather; 4-7:30PM Andrew Jackman.

DOOR CONTROL: 1-4PM - David Adair & Jeanie Adair; 4-7:30PM Mike Popiel.

LOBBY SECURITY HALL A: 9-12:30PM - Dale Fiedler; 12:30-4PM - Bonnie Starkweather; 4-7:30PM - JoAnn Jackman.

LOBBY SECURITY HALL D: 9-12:30PM - Pat Fiedler.

VENDOR PARKING GATE 1: 1-4PM - Tom Ryan.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

PURPLE GATE: 5:30-9AM - Rayburn Mitchell.

LOBBY SECURITY HALL A: 6-9AM - Tom Popelka; 9-12PM - Chris Irwin; 12:30-4PM - Ken Proffitt; 4-7:30PM - Bill Jabs.

PARTS PICK UP GREEN GATE: 7:30-11:30AM - Ray Horton.

DOOR CONTROL: 6-9AM - Rob Oxley.

BUS CONTROL PINK GATE: 12-4PM - Cliff Walters & Christine Walters; 3:30-7:30PM - Brenda Caseday & Dave Caseday.

RED GATE EXIT: 5:30-9AM - Marlin Binder; 8:30-12:30PM - Tom Irwin; 12-4PM Lloyd Dilbeck.

BUS CONTROL PINK GATE: 5:30-9AM - Randy Selvester.

ANTI-THEFT PATROL: 6-10PM - Tim Brost, Bruce Goldson & Bob Hugo.

BUS CONTROL BLUE GATE: 5:30-9am Rob Edgerton; 8:30-12:30PM - Patty Sondenaa.

BUS CONTROL RED GATE: 5:30-9AM - Michael Haight; 8:30-12:30PM - Lynn Sondenaa; 12-4PM - Cathy Blunt.

VENDOR PARKING GATE 1: 3:30-7:30PM - J Wyllie.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH

FIRE SECURITY: 2-6AM - Dick Thornes & Cheryl Witkowski; 9PM-1:30AM - Ted & Linda Downs.

LOBBY SECURITY HALL D: 6-9AM - Peppi McDonald; 9-12:30PM - Ron Forehand; 12:30-4PM - Steven Bee; 4-6PM Ervin Mudder.

PARTS PICK UP GREEN GATE: 10-2PM - Pete Smiley & Mike McLaughlin; 2-6PM - Chad Worthington.

PARTS PICK UP RED GATE: 12-4PM - Gene Scott; 3:30-7PM - Larry Peters, Gary Dexter & Dale Corah.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

FIRE SECURITY: 1:30-6AM - Simon-Pierre Smith & Tom Boyko.

FIRE GATE MARINE DRIVE: 6:30-9AM - Jim Van Lente; 9:30AM-1PM - Ron Whitworth.

BUS CONTROL PINK GATE: 8:30-10:30AM - Mike Stevenson & Rich Simpson; 10:30-2:30PM - Park Woodworth & Doug Inglis.

OUR REPS ARE: MIKE WORTHINGTON 503.502.0440 & DEBBIE DUTTON 503.663.5625

OUR PORTLAND SWAP MEET DUTY ALTERNATES ARE:

Cheryl Witkowski 503.705.8126 or
Dale Witkowski 503.705.4876

DO NOT MISS YOUR PSM DUTY!

The club will be fined \$500 for any
unfulfilled duty slot.

Remember to arrive 15
minutes early for your
assigned duty.

BEAVER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The new club roster is out - pick yours up at the meeting and check if your information is correct.
If it's not, please let the Membership Coordinator know, Dale Fiedler 503.407.5628

PLEASE MAKE THESE CORRECTIONS:

Doug Inglis phone number is 307.413.6419

BEAVER TALES

My Faithful A

Alas, alack

Taint a Cadillac

She may be slow

Always ready to go

Takes me to the show and back (usually!)



MYSTERY MODEL A PART
Submit your guess at the
club meeting, first correct
answer drawn wins a gift
card.



Art & Marlynne 1963



Russ & Lois Smith 1963

There are three
solutions to every
problem:
Accept it,
Change it,
Leave it.

If you cant accept it,
change it.
If you cant change it,
leave it.

MAY YOUR TROUBLES
BE LESS
and your
Blessings
be MORE
AND NOTHING BUT
HAPPINESS
come through your
door
#IRISHBLESSING



"If there's anything more provok-
ing than a skirt that's too short flap-
pers will probably wear it."

March

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!



March, 17-18th, Almost Spring Swap Meet, Puyallup, WA Fair Grounds

Wednesday, March 21st 6PM, **Beaver Chapter Board Meeting** at Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas OR 97015. On the same evening is the **Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting**. Social and refreshments at 7PM followed by the business meeting at 7:30PM. Guys seminar will be Part 2 about Model A Horn Maintenance.

Sunday, March 25th, Beaver Chapter Tour: Hubley Derby -



A Day at the Races - Tune up your Model A Hubley and we'll have some fun racing for bragging rights! Meet at the VFW 4248 located at 7118 SE Fern, Portland. Park on the East side of the building and enter the double doors. See you

there at 11AM. Hot dogs will be served along with the fixings. Bring your Hubley or come to watch and cheer on the action. Sign up at the meeting or call the tour leaders David & Jeanie Adair 503.655.3189. We'll have maps at the club meeting.



Norma Reece	6 th
Lorie King	9 th
Dale Corah	13 th
Greg Edwards	19 th



So what is a "Hubley" you may ask?

The Hubley Company made metal replicas of Model A Fords. Gabriel and Scale Model are other companies that make them. They are die cast 1/24 scale models. There are seven Model A body styles available. You can find them at swap meets, antique stores, eBay, and sometimes sitting on a hobby store shelf. Weight of finished car is no more than 1 pound, 5 ounces (a small leeway is allowed).

Someone got the idea it might be fun to "race" these model cars down a track similar to the "Pinewood Derby" that the scouts use. The Hubley Derby is a side by side gravity race. The race is a great participant and spectator event. The fiercest competition is in the 18 and over age group.



FOR SALE:

1928-29 Touring, new body wood and body blocks \$425. Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

Rebuilt distributor, complete rebuild, modern points, cam, etc. Tom Irwin 503.538.5227

Set of 16" wire wheels & tires; set of 17" wire wheels & tires; set of 1936 V8 wheels, 16". Make offers! Ed Schroeder 503.655.4311

WANTED: Sparton horn bell only wanted. Have a Stewart Warner bell to **trade**. Ed Schroeder 503.655.4311

Need four used but drivable 21" tires. Greg Edwards 503.367.3980 or Mike Mercer 1.360.901.9094