

The Ahoooga News



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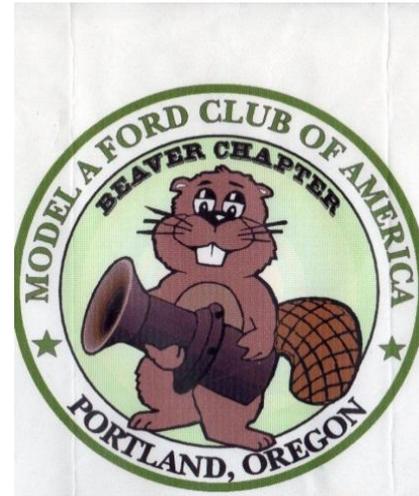


1931 SW Fordor
Mike Worthington

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.

New memberships received after November 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.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2016

President: Richard Starkweather 503.327.1252
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Sergeant at Arms: Jim VanLente 503.638.5243
Past President: Ray Horton 503.333.5766



CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2016

NW Regional Group: David Adair and Pam McClafin; Portland Swap Meet: Dick Thornes and Mike Worthington; Historian: Patty Brost; Sunshine: Eileen Ross; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symank; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Bill Henderson.

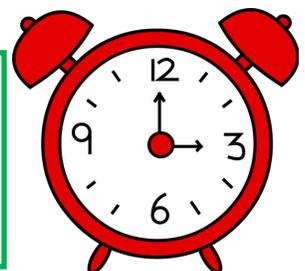
Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. The deadline is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Correspondence should be sent directly to the Editor: jadadaja@msn.com or mailed to 895 Hazelwood Dr. Oregon City, OR 97045. Other newsletters may reprint article as long as credit is given to the author and *The Ahooga News*.

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

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Yes, it is that time of the year to renew your Beaver Chapter membership.

Please be on time and mail your application to the Membership Coordinator at the address listed above before the end of the month. **DON'T BE LATE!**



Presidents Column

2016 is quickly winding down, and we have one Premiere event left on the Calendar. The Christmas Potluck is December 3 at 6PM, with a theme of Elf on the Shelf. Check the newsletter and our website for further details. It is a great event leading into Christmas.

Board elections for 2017 have been completed and we have two new members joining the Board of Directors. **Andrew Jackman** is the new Vice President, and **Terry Finley** is the new Sergeant-at-Arms. We welcome them both to the Board.

Two Board members have stepped down and are departing. Both of them deserve a huge Thank You. Please let them know how much you appreciate them volunteering their time and efforts. **Jim Van Lente** served as Vice President for a year, then as Sergeant-at-Arms for four years. **Mike Worthington** served as Vice President, and we saw many great opportunities for touring due to his leadership.

I have recently removed the fuel shut off valve on my model A. It had become very difficult to open and close and I could see some fuel leaking from my carburetor. I purchased new packing, and then polished the valve and seat using polishing compound. The valve now doesn't leak fuel to the carburetor, and is much easier to operate. I also took the carburetor apart and polished the float needle. I don't have a viton needle, so when I put it back together; I tapped the needle to seat it. This seems to have solved my fuel leak problems at least temporarily. I have read articles recommending shutting off your gas valve, and then letting the car run until the carburetor is out of gas, when putting your car away for awhile. I think I will try this during the winter.

Many of us are using non ethanol gas but on occasion find it necessary to use ethanol fuels. It is believed by some, that burning ethanol gas increases the acidity of motor oil. This may have an impact on camshaft and lifter wear. Whether these claims are true or not remains to be seen, however it is a good idea to change your oil before you put your car away for winter. Warm your car up, change the oil and let it run before shutting it off.

Be sure to check your radiator antifreeze levels before winter and adjust as necessary. Anti freeze or whatever strategy you choose to use is cheap compared to a cracked block!!!!!!

I want to thank all the Board Members and Volunteers that made 2016 a successful year for the Beaver Chapter, and I look forward to 2017. We are always interested in feedback from the Membership, so let our Member-at-Large Ted Downs know of any improvements you wish to see.

P.S. Dues are due; please try to get them in before December 31st.

Richard Starkweather - President

The Covered Bridge Tour turned out to be a nice cool Fall day. No rain but cloudy at times. The group that left the Oregon City Shopping Center met up with the West side group at the Top-of-the Hill. From there it was on to the Gallon House Covered Bridge, lots of picture taking. Then off thru the countryside to McCleay's and lunch. David and Jeanie were there to greet us as Mike Worthington and his son had had to turn around and go home shortly after we started. Chad's car was having problems. Mike had some door prizes to raffle off at lunch and had given them to David and Jeanie to bring to us. We enjoyed them and our lunch. From there we proceeded through a lot of country - the leaves were still colorful. Got to the Gilkey Bridge and after that was the Hoffman Bridge just past the small town of Crabtree. At that point most of the group decided to go home. Ted and Linda Downs, Rich and Joanne Simpson and Tim and I went back and drove to the Larwood Bridge which is my favorite. We ended up at the DQ. in Stayton for our ice cream treat.

Those attending in Model A's were Tom Irwin, Karl & Sharon Murphy, Andrew & JoAnne Jackman, Tim & Patty Brost and Chat & Mike & Helen Worthington. In modern iron was Ted & Linda Downs. Steve & Sharon Francher, Dale Corah, Dick Thornes and David Ollison, Fred & Jeanette Kroon, Rich & Joanne Simpson, David & Jeanie Adair.

~by Patty Brost

Ahooguh!

by Tom Endy

The original Model A Ahooguh horn was designed to operate from a 6-volt electrical system. Today many Model A's on the road have been converted to a 12-volt electrical system. When doing this conversion some thought has to be given about how to accommodate the 6-volt Ahooguh horn. Quite often this is accomplished by installing a dropping resistor in series with the horn.

The problem with a dropping resistor is that it is resistive, unless wire wound, whereas the horn field windings are inductive. The value of the resistance and the power rating of the resistor have to be carefully chosen and many of the resistors on the market are not correct. If the power rating is not correct the resistor will overheat with repeated use and it changes the resistive value and the horn will refuse to Ahooguh.

Another approach, and one that is much better, is to rewind the field windings for 12-volt operation. The armature winding can remain the same. Rewinding the field windings is not that difficult.

The original 6-volt horn:

- (1) The field coils are wound in opposite directions.
- (2) The field coil wire is 20 gauge coated wire.
- (3) There are 45 turns, 6 -7 turns per layer, not perfect is OK.
- (4) After completion it was sprayed with varnish to insulate.

Rewind for 12-volts:

- (1) Same as above.
- (2) Use 24 gauge coated wire.
- (3) 100 turns, 6-7 turns per layer, not perfect is OK.
- (4) Same as above.



Ahooguh

Horn rewinding service:

For those who don't want to take on the task of rewinding, there are a number of people who offer the service. The one that has garnered excellent testimonials of Ford-barn is that of:

Steve Smith, P. O. Box 505 Morristown, IN 46161

Phone: 317-502-1697 (8AM-Noon central time)



Rewound field and armature by Steve Smith

- (1) Basic disassembly and cleaning \$40
- (2) Rewinding of both field coils \$30* *
- ** \$20 when included with (1)
- (3) Rewinding of armature \$45* **
- *** \$40 when included with (1)
- (4) Full repair including all of the above \$95
- (5) Most repairs are done within 7-10 days
- (6) Ship by USPS, they will hold for me to pick up

Any additional parts used will be charged at the current list price as found in Snyder's parts catalog. Any field or armature insulators that need to be replaced are included in the cost. All repairs are only to the motor section and are made on an as needed basis. No repainting or cosmetic repairs are made or provided.

Direction is so much more important than speed. Many are going nowhere fast.



**IS A ROBE
ON YOUR
CHRISTMAS
WISH LIST?**

This is a nice assortment of the kind of bathrobes that were available in the catalogs during the early Model A years. Most of these have a tie belt for closures. From the text the descriptions are: figured rayon, patterned rayon, printed serpentine crepe, beacon blanket cloth, striped wool flannel, figured corduroy, cotton flannel and brocaded rayon or silk. The blue one (second from top left) has collar and cuffs of genuine ostrich. The lower right is a Japanese "Coolie Coat".
~by Jeanie Adair

Marlynn Pugsley received a thank you note: "Babies in Need appreciates your wonderful support of the baby shower gifts, they will be put to good use by the neediest in our communities." Thanks Beaver Babes for giving.

Have you checked out the MAFCA website lately? There is a wealth of fashion information under "Fashion Articles". The latest article is by Peggy Gill titled "The Perfect Bow". It gives detailed steps on how the guys can tie their bow ties for that perfect era look. She ends it by saying: "If at first you don't succeed, tie, tie again."

Ladies do you need a suggestion for a Christmas gift for the man in your life? Check out the MAFCA Store on the MAFCA website. There are all kinds of books available to help with restoring and maintaining the Model A. The new judging standards are out; or how about the complete set of shop drawings - they are even laminated - no more greasy fingerprints! My hubby especially likes the shirts and caps.

Good people are like candles; they burn themselves up to give others light.

November 3, 2016 Beaver Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:55PM by Richard Starkweather. Present: Ray Horton, Mike Worthington, Jim Van Lente, Ted Downs, Amanda Uthe, Dale and Pat Fiedler, and Dick Thornes. Absent: Jeanie Adair

Guests: Bonnie Starkweather, Karl Murphy, Rich Simpson and Rina Uthe

2017 Budget was reviewed.

Sound System – For possible improvement we are elevating the speaker and placing it in the corner.

Model A Youth Scholarship Fund – It was approved to give \$500 to the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund.

Ray Horton distributed the ballots for the 2017 Board Positions. The Candidates are: President: Richard Starkweather, Vice President: Andrew Jackman, Secretary: Pat Fiedler, Membership: Dale Fiedler, Treasurer: Amanda Uthe and Mike Worthington; Sergeant at Arms: Terry Findley and Karl Murphy. Write-ins are welcome. Ray suggested that we consider changing the bylaws to allow more candidates next year. The bylaws seriously limit the eligibility of candidates making it difficult to fill Board positions.

Annual Banquet – Amanda reported that all is going well for the Banquet. The cost is \$30 per member. Your application and check payable to "Beaver Chapter" should be sent to Eileen Ross; 5834 SE Tenino; Portland, OR. 97206. More details in the November newsletter.

Membership Cards – Dale will have the Membership Cards printed. It was agreed by the Board to delete the year from the cards. Membership cards will be available for those who want them. Members can fill in their Name, Member # and year.

Amanda Uthe gave the Treasurer's Report. We received our second check from the Portland Swap Meet.

Tours – Mike Worthington reported that we have one more tour, the Garage Tour, this year. We have had 496 participants to date.

It was approved to put our Resource Manual on the MAFCA website. Dale commented that the Mentor Program is very helpful to new members.

Swap Meet – It was agreed to postpone sign-ups until January. The Swap Meet is April 7-9, 2017.

Ray Horton mentioned that we should always emphasize touring rules before each tour to ensure safety.

Karl Murphy asked for volunteers to help him set up for the meetings.

Late Fee - Ray suggested a policy change: *Dues are due on January 1st. If received after that date, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler - Secretary

Most people hate to parallel park. The other day, I saw this woman trying to get out of a tight parking space. She'd bump the car in front, then back-up and strike the car behind her.

This went on about two minutes.

I walked over to see if I could somehow help. My offer was declined though. She said, "Why have bumpers if you're not going to use them once in a while?"

BEAVER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Richard Starkweather and Ted led the pledge of allegiance. The October minutes were approved with two corrections: The motion for a \$5.00 penalty for members paying dues after Dec. 31st was passed but not unanimously and two names were misspelled. Richard announced that MAFCA pins were awarded for the following years: Roy Asbahr (50), John & Georgia Solomonson (45), Robert & Janice Jones (45), Steven Bee (35), Peter & Cathy Smiley (35), David Downs (25), Ted & Linda Downs (25), Dick & Elaine Thornes (25), Leland & Shirley Twigg (25).

Ray Horton reported the nominations for club positions and asked for other nominations. No further names were suggested so the nominations were closed and the ballots were distributed. The new slate of officers for 2017: President: Richard Starkweather, Vice President: Andrew Jackman, Treasurer: Amanda Uthe, Secretary: Patricia Fiedler, Membership: Dale Fiedler, Sergeant-at-Arms: Terry Findley, Editor: Jeanie Adair, and Past President: Ray Horton.

Ray Horton presented gifts to Lynne & Anne Humble for serving on the Board last year.

Lori Symank won the name tag drawing prize of \$25.00

David Adair passed around the sign-up sheet for the November 19th Garage Tour. The Tour will begin in Oregon City @ 10:00 and then visit 4 garages: Westcott's, Starkweather's, Fiedler's, and Findley/McClaflin's. Soup and cookies will be served at the end of the tour.

Mike Worthington thanked everyone for leading and joining tours in 2016. If you have any ideas or suggestions for further tours, please contact Mike or Andrew.

Lori Symank reported on the Christmas Potluck and asked everyone to sign up. The theme is: "Elf on the Shelf". It will be at the Milwaukie Senior Center on Dec. 3rd at 6:00PM. Please wear your favorite Christmas Sweater and bring socks and gloves for the homeless.

Amanda reported our Annual Banquet will be at Portland Meadows. Theme "Day at the Races". Cost: \$30/person. January 7th is the deadline for reservations and payment. Applications and more details in the Newsletter. (See page 10)

Yearly refreshment volunteers Sign-up sheet was passed around.

Amanda Uthe gave the Treasurer's Report.

Ray Horton will surprise us with details of the Past President's Tour 2017. He is keeping it a secret for now.

Dale Fiedler encouraged everyone to send their signed applications and dues in before Dec. 31st to avoid the additional \$5.00 fee.

Jeanie Adair needs pictures, articles and stories for the newsletter. A donation jar was at the meeting for the MAFCA DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS FUND. Everyone was asked to donate for the scholarship which gives an award of \$1,000/year for four years to the winning recipient. A petition to MAFCA limiting the MAFCA president to a one year term was circulated at our meeting.

Mike and Dick began signing up volunteers for the Swap Meet in April. There are a total of 67 spots to fill.

Bonnie Starkweather reported that Patty Brost has suffered a pulmonary embolism.

Pam McClafin is having 20 calendars printed using the top twelve winners of our Model A Photo Contest. If you want to purchase one, be quick – first come first served!

Ray Horton reported on items for sale. A 90 year old gentlemen from Iowa is trying to fill out his 50 state license collection and needs an Oregon plate. Dale Fiedler volunteered to send him one.

Richard Starkweather guessed the mystery member, Ray Horton guessed the mystery part.

Lori Symank reminded the Beaver Babes to sign up for the Christmas Tea on Dec. 2nd.

Thanks everyone for the delicious pies. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fiedler, Secretary

If pride comes before a fall, humility should come by winter.



NOVEMBER GARAGE TOUR



The first stop was in Damascus for a tour of Karl Westcott's Auto Restyling shop. What was suppose to be a 15 minute tour ended up being over an hour. Everyone enjoyed hearing about the process of making fiberglass parts.

A restorable Victoria was found in one of the storage containers...



and on to the next garage...

The second stop was at Bonnie and Richard Starkweather's where we sipped on welcome warm beverages and the guys slobbered all over Richard's cars. He has a 1914 Overland, a 1931 restored Model A Coupe, a 1931 hotrod with a 650 hp engine and a 1957 Chevrolet pickup. All very beautiful cars.





Patricia and Dale Fiedler's garage was the third stop. Dale had the cleanest woodworking shop I've ever seen! His garage sported a 1930 Roadster, a 2013 Corvette and a 1957 Thunderbird.

Patricia served us hot from the oven appetizers! She is also an enthusiastic gardener and her yard was wonderful to look at.



The fourth and final stop was Pam and Terry's brand new shop. In it were four and a "half" Model A's, a Mullins trailer and a 1955 Belair Hardtop Chevrolet.

Pam and Jeanie had made two kinds of soup and cookies to warm us up on before everyone headed home.



There were 12 Model A's and several modern iron, with 38 club members and guests on the tour - very good for a November tour! We only had a few sprinkles on the way home.

Thanks to David Adair for arranging the tour and all our hosts who cleaned their garages!

And they're off!

*You are cordially invited to
Beaver Chapter's Annual Banquet*

"A Day at the Races"

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Cocktails at 6PM

Dinner at 7PM

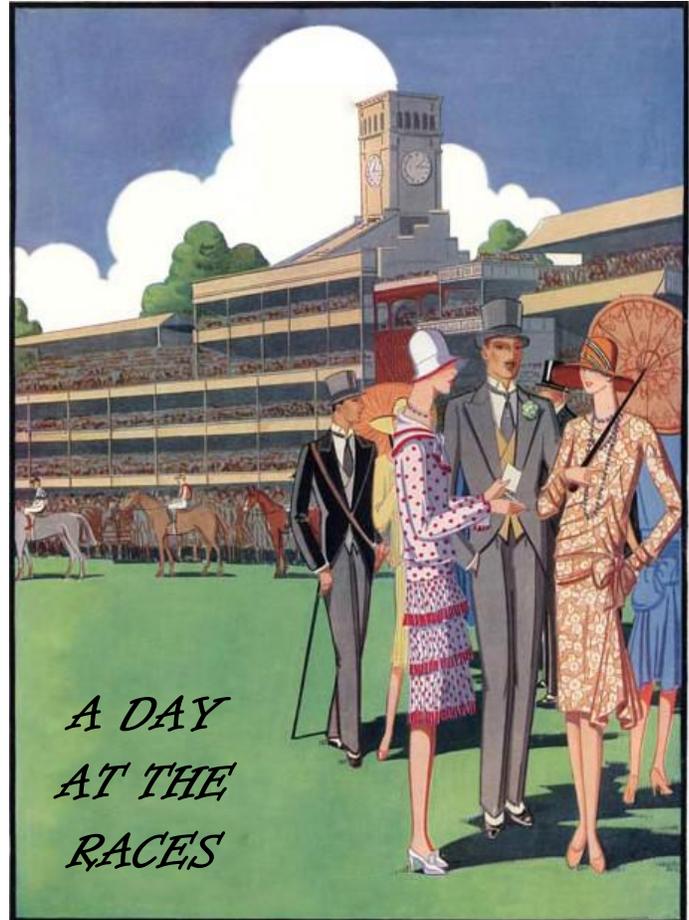
Portland Meadows Race Track

1001 N. Schmeier Rd.

Portland, Oregon

*A dinner buffet of main dish, sides, salad and
assorted desserts will be served. Make your
reservations before January 1st.*

Fill out the form below.



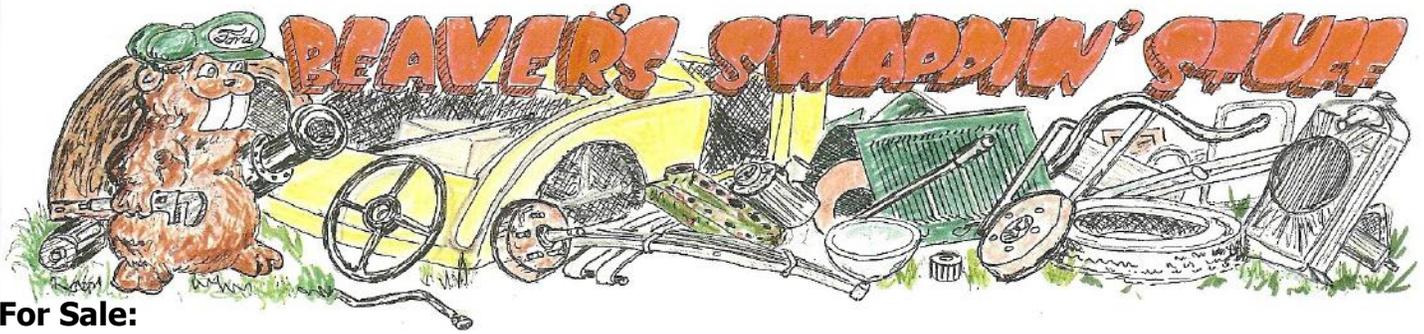
"A DAY AT THE RACES" BEAVER CHAPTER'S 2017 Banquet Reservation:

The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. The main entrée choices are fish (F), beef (B), chicken (C) or vegetarian (V). Please mark your choice. Make checks payable to "Beaver Chapter" and send to address below.

NAME	COST	ENTRÉE CHOICE (CIRCLE)	CLUB DUTY (CIRCLE)
_____	\$_____	F B C V	YES* NO
_____	\$_____	F B C V	YES* NO

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "BEAVER CHAPTER" AND SEND RESERVATIONS TO:
Eileen Ross at 5834 SE Tenino Portland, OR 97206.**

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



For Sale:

Zenith carbs \$150, flow tested. Jack Dusenberry 360.256.0149

1931 Model A pickup with title. Needs restoration but runs good. \$4500 Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

Rebuilt shifting tower 28/29, \$110. Rebuilt shifting tower 30/31. \$110 Lynn Sondenaa 971.275.7475 or email lynnsond@hotmail.com

1967 "OFFY" 167cu Turbo, injected 750hp @ 35in of boost. \$35,000 Greg Edwards 503.357.3980

19" Model A wheels \$20 each, good shape. Don Scheller 503.625.6570

Bruno VSL-550 electric scooter lift. \$800 new/\$250 OBO Andrew Jackman 503.658.6270

Wanted:

30/31 transmission. Lynn Sondenaa 971.275.7475 or lynnsond@hotmail.com

'30 Rear brake backing plate. Lynn Humble 503.558.8609

BEAVER CHAPTER POLICY CHANGE:
 If you pay your membership dues on time this won't affect you. But if you pay them late - after January 1, 2017 - there will be a \$5.00 late fee. Think of it as incentive to be on time!

Fall Tour

With the threat of rain only five Model A's and one modern iron went on this tour. We traveled on rural roads East of Oregon City and continued on Molalla Forest Road. We ate lunch at Clarke's General Store & Café. Luckily, the weather turned quite nice and the tour was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Dale and Patricia Fiedler for leading this tour.



New Members:

I apologize for getting Mike Popiel last name incorrect in last months newsletter - So you're getting another look at him!

Add these new members information to your Roster:

Mike Popiel, 7343 SE Thompson Rd. Portland, OR 97222, 503.632.7383, Email: scruffy7656@gmail.com 1929 Closed Cab Pickup

James & Crystal Ross, 287 S 15th Place, Canby, OR 97013
 Phone: 503.263.2828, Cell: 503.267.3680 (M), 503.312.1563 (S)
 Email: jamesross57@gmail.com (M), kzaross@gmail.com (S)
 1931 SW Town Sedan



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Just a reminder that there is no Beaver Chapter Board Meeting and no Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting during the month of December. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.

Beaver Babes Christmas Tea will be Friday December 2nd in Newberg again this year. The hostess will have her home decorated for Christmas. The cost is \$25. Call Lori Symanck to reserve

your spot: 503.476.4946. You won't want to miss this special tea. Those on the east side will carpool from OCSC at 11AM.

Saturday December 3rd, 6PM is Beaver Chapters Annual **Christmas Potluck**. The location is the Milwaukie Senior Center 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. in Milwaukie, OR. Directions: From Hwy 224 turn South on Rusk Rd., turn right and follow signs to North Clackamas Park and the Milwaukie Senior Center on your right.



We are having an Elf on the Shelf Christmas Party, complete with songs, games, gifts and of course food! One of Santa's own elves will be our special guest. The club will provide turkey, ham and beverages. Please bring your favorite home made side dish, salad, or dessert. Families are welcome, just let Lori Symanck know how many will be coming. Please bring socks and/or gloves to donate to needy families.

John Rueter Mileage Award: How many miles have you driven your Model A this year? Submit the number of miles to Patty Brost by December 31. The one who has driven the most miles during 2016 will win, winner will be announced at the annual banquet in January.

January Annual Banquet Be sure to sign up for the January 21st banquet before January 7th. See page 10 for details.

Have you paid your Beaver Chapter Membership dues? Please do so now if you haven't already. We like to publish the Membership Roster as soon as we can and it's helpful to have all the members information in the roster. Make your check out to Beaver Chapter and mail your signed form to the Membership Coordinator, Dale Fiedler, his address is: PO Box 428 Sandy, OR 97055. You received the 2017 Membership Form in your mailed October newsletter or it was emailed to you in October, they are on the website also. Thanks for your help!



BEAVER TALES

I have gone all the way
 Letting the Mrs. drive our A
 Shifting is her curse
 Confusing first with reverse
 Me, I have learned how to pray



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Brost	1 st
Janet Hinkel	2 nd
Mac Zirges	4 th
Jim Strutt	5 th
Gordon Neumann	10 th
Jackie Vickers	11 th
Jim Shaw	12 th
Gary Dexter	20 th
Bobbie Barnett	23 rd
Patricia Fiedler	23 rd
Pam McClafin	25 th
Chad Worthington	26 th
John Nieder	31 st



When I die, I want to go peacefully
 like my grandfather did in his sleep,
 not screaming like the passengers in
 his Model A.
 (Borrowed from the *Script "A" News*)