

# The Ahoooga News

  **AUGUST**  **2017**



Do you ever get tired of a view of Mt Hood?  
I certainly don't, especially in a Model A! Thank you Lori Symanck for another great photo.

*Cultivate roads that lead to beautiful locations.*

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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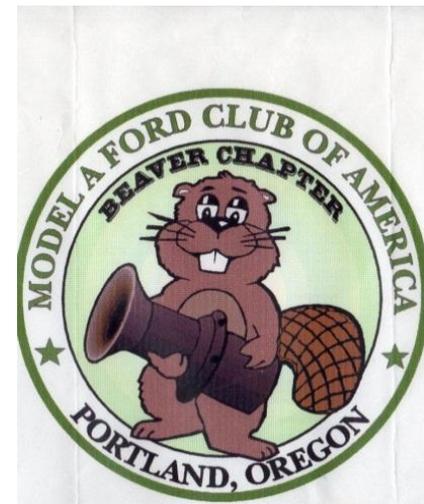
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## CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2017

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Pam McClafin; 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: 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 unless announced otherwise.** Correspondence should be sent directly to the Editor: [jadadaja@msn.com](mailto: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: August** - Tim Brost; **September** - Lynn and Anne Humble; **October** - James, Crystal and Eileen Ross; **November** - Pie Night, everyone bring a pie to share, Chris Irwin and Cathy Smiley in the kitchen.

## PRESIDENTS COLUMN:

After a long wet winter we are enjoying some beautiful weather so far this summer, let's all hope it continues.

At the July general meeting we asked for volunteers to serve on the Swap Meet Committee and David Caseday stepped up to join the Committee. We are still campaigning for more of our Members to join the Swap Meet Committee. We feel that we are underrepresented as a club. Doing a quick review of the Committee Roster shows that we are 13% of the Committee, V8 Club 30%, Model T Club 23%, Chev Club 18%, HACO 9%, and HCCA 7%. While some of our Members are on the Committee, they belong to other clubs, and have declared to represent that club.

Please consider joining the Swap Meet Committee. It is one meeting a month, September thru April, and duty at the swap meet. If you are interested contact Mike Worthington or Debbie Dutton for more details.

At the July meeting, a vote was taken on continuing with the new General Meeting Agenda, and a large majority of the members voted for a permanent change. So, in the future socializing/snacks/refreshments will begin at 7pm, and the meeting will be called to order at 7:30pm.

We will have our annual Parking Lot Swap Meet at our General Meeting in August. If you have any extra parts for sale or swap, bring them to the meeting. Be sure to arrive early so you will have time to display your parts, and conduct sales etc..



Barlow  
Trail Tour  
Presentation

The scheduled August Tour, to be led by Andrew Jackman, is Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> which is prior to the monthly General Meeting. It is the "All Ford Picnic" held at Champoeg Park. For details check the calendar at our website: [beaverchapter.shutterfly.com](http://beaverchapter.shutterfly.com).

Richard Starkweather - President

Happiness cannot be traveled to,  
owned, earned, worn or consumed.  
Happiness is the spiritual experience  
of living every minute with love,  
grace and gratitude.

Being positive in a negative situation  
is not naïve.  
Its leadership.



Michael & Penny Haight's car on  
the Mosier Tunnels Tour.

## Model A Spark Rod Movement By Lynn Sondenaa

The spark control rod on the Model A is somewhat misunderstood. Today modern cars have computers that control the spark setting automatically. Before the computer, vacuum and centrifugal weights were used both individually and together to advance the spark. The Model A relies on the driver to control the spark advance. One must know why there is a spark control on cars.

Here is a quick lesson on four stroke gasoline engines.

- (1) **Intake** – The piston moves down creating a vacuum. The intake valve opens allowing the air/fuel mixture into the cylinder.
- (2) **Compression** – The air/fuel mixture is compressed as the piston travels upward with both valves closed.
- (3) **Power** – The air/fuel mixture explodes forcing the piston downward with both valves closed. This is where the energy in the engine is created. This is also what the spark rod controls. Ideally the full force of the explosion needs to be pushing on a piston traveling in a downward direction. If not you could get backfiring or excessive pressure on the top of the piston, rings, rod bearings and even the crankshaft bearings. So you want the spark timed to the downward direction.
- (4) **Exhaust** – The piston moves upward with the exhaust valve open forcing the burnt gases out of the combustion chamber.

Here are some points to consider when advancing or retarding the spark control lever:

A cold engine has slow combustion so more spark advance is needed.

A hot engine the combustion is faster so less spark advance is needed.

In a stock bore the combustion is faster (smaller space) so less spark advance is needed.

In a large bore the combustion is slower (larger space) so more spark advance is needed.

A stock cylinder head the combustion is slower (larger space) so more spark advance is needed.

A high compression head 5.5 or 6.0 combustion is faster (smaller space) so less spark advance is needed.

At low speeds combustion is slower so more spark advance is needed.

At high speeds the combustion is faster so less spark advance is needed.

Heavy loads the combustion is faster so less spark advance is needed.

Old gasoline has lower volatility so combustion is slower and more spark advance is needed.

New fresh gasoline has high volatility so combustion is faster and less spark advance is needed.

If the spark lever is retarded too much it will cause the engine to overheat.

If the spark lever is advanced too much it will cause ignition knock. Fuel ignition too soon.

Climbing steep hills or grades less spark advance is needed.

Fully retard the spark lever when starting a cold engine.

Advance the spark lever 2 notches when starting a warm engine.

Fully retard the spark lever when setting the carburetor idling adjustment.

For normal driving the spark lever should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  the way down the quadrant. High speeds or flat driving the spark lever can be  $\frac{7}{8}$  to the full range of the quadrant, but as soon as hills arrive the spark lever must be retarded some to prevent power loss and ignition knocking.

In conclusion, there are many factors that affect the spark control setting on the Model A. They are also interrelated. Do not be afraid to experiment with the spark control setting. You might discover more power and less overheating! Listen to your Model A, they usually tell you if something is not quite right.

Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit.



## FOR TEA TIME

These Summery 1930 dresses are perfect for afternoon or tea time.

The first on the left has a scalloped bolero, longer at the back; bands of scallops repeat on the hip line for a youthful, becoming new summer afternoon frock.

The low back neckline of the center dress is accented by a cape collar which falls in long points; again this summery dress flows with the bias seamed panels.

The third dress details are shirring on the sleeve and down the bodice front; a separate sleeveless jacket is a very modern addition.

The printed fabric on these dresses would have been either sheer silk or rayon.

~Jeanie Adair



The harder you work for something the greater you will feel when you achieve it.

You might like to check out this website for some men's and ladies fashions that are similar to our era fashions: [VintageDancer.com](http://VintageDancer.com)

An example of their men's hats shown here on the right are styles that were popular during the Model A years (all except the "Gambler" hat pictured!) As always you need to do your research prior to purchasing era like fashions. MAFCA has many resources available to help you learn what is correct for the era, and there are club members who are knowledgeable about the era fashions. It's fun to "dress up" while riding in your Model A on tours and attending other club functions.



Panama



Homburg



Derby



Newsboy



Fedora



Gambler



Boater

[VintageDancer.com](http://VintageDancer.com)



Top Hat

## Minutes of the July 4, 2017 Beaver Chapter Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:10AM by Richard Starkweather. The June Board Minutes were approved. Present: Richard Starkweather, Terry Findley, Dale and Pat Fiedler, Ted Downs, Jeanie Adair and Amanda Uthe.

The new general meeting format was discussed. There was insufficient time to purchase raffle tickets so Richard called a short break during the meeting to allow people to buy raffle tickets. The membership will vote on the change of the General Meeting format at the July meeting.

Dale presented the revised Membership Application. He will send the application via email to the Board and Anne Humble so she can put the new form on our website. Dale also mentioned that he is no longer using the club computer so he will return it so it can be given away at the July General Meeting.

Richard reported that we need a new Historian and he will mention this vacancy at the next general meeting. Brenda Cassidy volunteered to be the Sunshine Coordinator.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast hosted by the Board was enjoyed by everyone. Attendance: 73 people. Supplies purchased: 15 dozen eggs (30 eggs left); 15# pancake mix (lots of pancakes left); 10# of sausage (a few links left).

Richard will send a thank you note to Al and Marcella Schurman letting them know how we appreciate the use of their facilities for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast and advising them that we are sending a check for \$150 in their name to the Brooks Museum.

Amanda gave the Treasurer's Report and mentioned that she would be sending a check to Paula Benham, the name tag winner at the June General Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler. Secretary

## JULY 4TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Pancake Breakfast was enjoyed by about 73 members and guests if everyone signed up... The cooking process was "well greased" with the board members doing the set up, cooking, serving and clean up. Hopefully no one went away hungry since there were some pancakes left at the end. We didn't have car games this year, but everyone seemed to have a good time visiting with each other, kicking tires and looking at all the barns and piles of treasures that Al Schurman has collected over the years. (continued on next page...)

While President Richard scrambled the eggs, Pat hollered, "More eggs!" Terry and Dale did a great job flipping the pancakes.

Thank you for all those who helped make it a successful morning.



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

There was lots of time to chit chat after breakfast...



What a variety of aprons were worn!



## **Beaver Chapter General Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Richard Starkweather at 7:30PM and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the June General Meeting were approved.

Visitors: Pam McClaffin introduced her sister and brother-in law, Diana and Ron. George Megla was also present. He has a 1930 coupe which belonged to his father. He was given a membership application and plans to join our club.

The NAME TAG DRAWING was won by Richard Starkweather.

Pam reported on the NW REGIONAL MEET in Coos Bay. The Meet was well organized with great tours and everyone had a wonderful experience. The National Meet will be in Reno Nevada next year, so there will be no regional meet in 2018.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 1. Historian; 2. Club Scrapbook Volunteer; 3. Swap Meet Committee.

TOURS: Mike and Penny Haight will be hosting the next tour on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. This tour from Oregon City through Newberg and over a ferry to the Oregon Gardens is part of the 100,000 mile MAFCA Event. The All Ford Picnic is August 13<sup>th</sup>. Bring chairs and a picnic lunch. Please contact Andrew Jackman for further information.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Amanda Uthe.

The SUNSHINE REPORT was given by Brenda Caseday Lloyd Dilbeck is recovering from his shoulder surgery.

Terry Findley will be doing the seminar tonight – installing a backup camera on a Model A.

The membership voted to continue the new GENERAL MEETING FORMAT. The social with snacks begins at 7:00. Meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a seminar.

No one won the MEMBERSHIP DRAWING.

A Thank You was given to Ted Downs for Beverages and Jim and Adeane Patrick for snacks for tonight's meeting.

Jeanie Adair announced the MYSTERY PART Winner – Leroy Benham and the MYSTERY MEMBER Winner, Lori Symank

RAFFLE – Lori Symank drew the winning raffle tickets. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Fiedler, Secretary

### **To All My Intelligent Friends**

Keep that brain working, see if you can figure out what these words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Give it another try... Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. This is so simple... No, it is not that they all have at least two double letters. Answer on page 10.

## An Enjoyable Model A Adventure by Mike Worthington

Earlier this year we, like others who attended last year's scenic highway centennial celebration, received an invitation to drive through the Mosier tunnels, repeating part of last year's event. We sent in our registration forms and waited to see how the summer unfolded. We try to drive our car often, but generally not this far. Monthly club tours are drives, this would be a trip. As the time got closer we decided that Model A's have been crisscrossing the country for decades and we could do this.



For many of our club members a drive of this length would be regarded as a common occurrence. For us it would be a 300-mile adventure. Like last year, the tunnel drive was sponsored by the Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Unlike last year, this tour would start and finish at the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River. While it is quite possible to make this drive in a single day, we chose to make it a multi-day trip. After consulting a map and considering traffic, scenery, traffic, and cultural stops, we choose to travel thorough southern Washington on our eastbound leg ending at The Dalles. The next day we took the long way back to Hood River via a couple of stops on the Washington side of the river. It had been a while since our last WAAAM visit so we were surprised to see how it has grown. Like last year the tunnel drive was well organized and as always, the scenery was specular. We completed day two by taking the long way back to The Dalles on the Oregon side with several stops along the way. We returned home the next morning via Dufur climbing the Mt. Hood slope on the Dufur Valley Road. Traveling west on this road is a treat. It is well maintained, little traveled, and offers terrific views of Mt. Hood framed by the trees along the road.

The tunnel drive is an annual event held on the second Saturday in July which is the same day as the annual Silver Falls celebration. Both of these events are enjoyable and worthy of your consideration next year. This year's tunnel tour was attended by three Beaver Chapter cars: Michael & Penny Haight, Chad Worthington, and Mike and Helen.

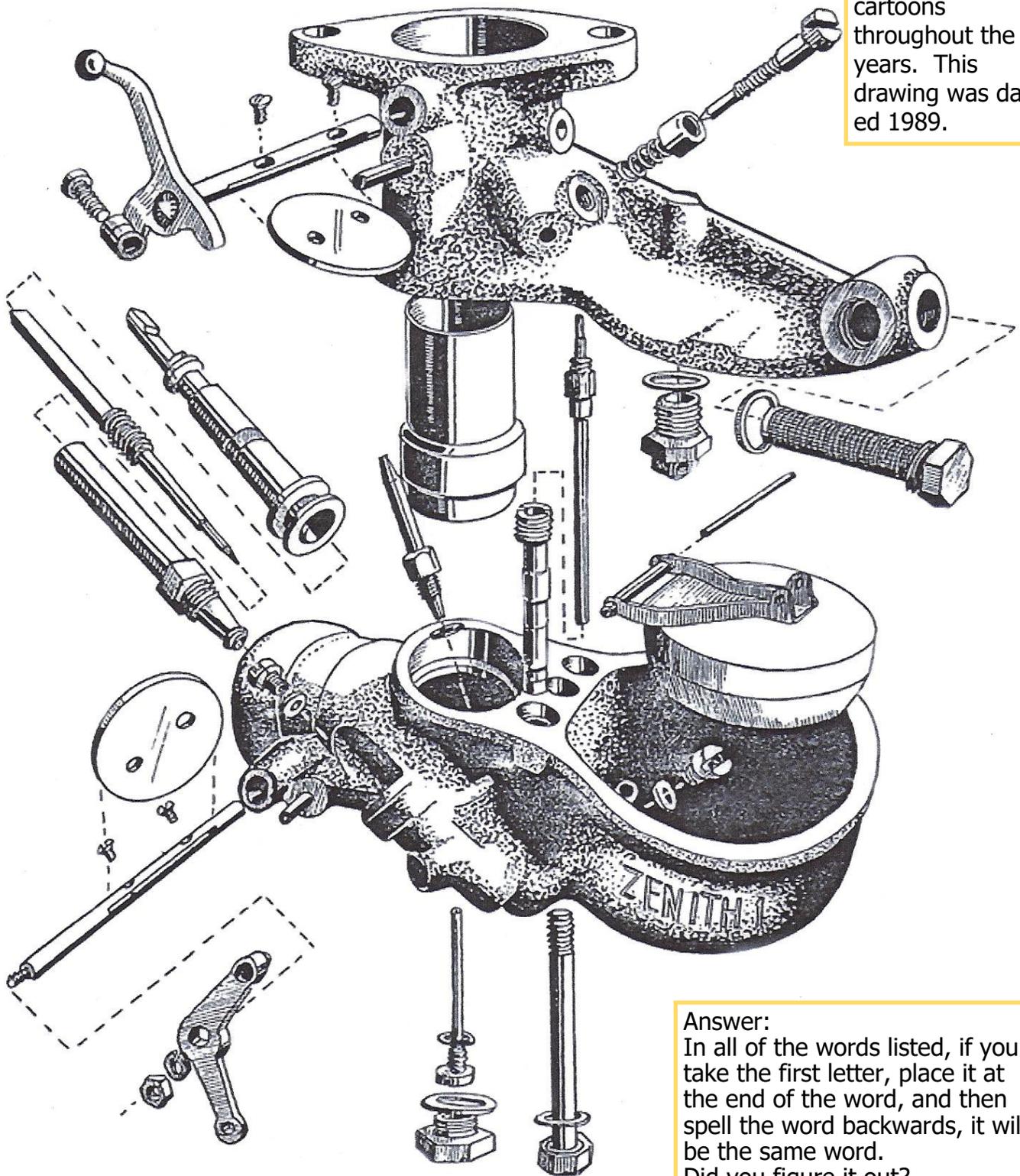


So, what did we learn? Trip planning is important, but taking the time to stop and enjoy that unexpected sight or view point can be the highlight of the trip. Drive at a comfortable speed, but be mindful of impeding traffic. If that means you stop more frequently so be it. Along the way we saw a lot of beautiful scenery, talked to many interesting people, and had an enjoyable adventure.

# Model "A" Ford Zenith Carburetor

Drawn by Stan Blinko, Beaver Chapter

Many of us fondly remember Stan Blinco, not only was he a terrific guy, but he was also an incredible artist. Remember he did many cartoons throughout the years. This drawing was dated 1989.



Answer:  
In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.  
Did you figure it out?



**FOR SALE:**

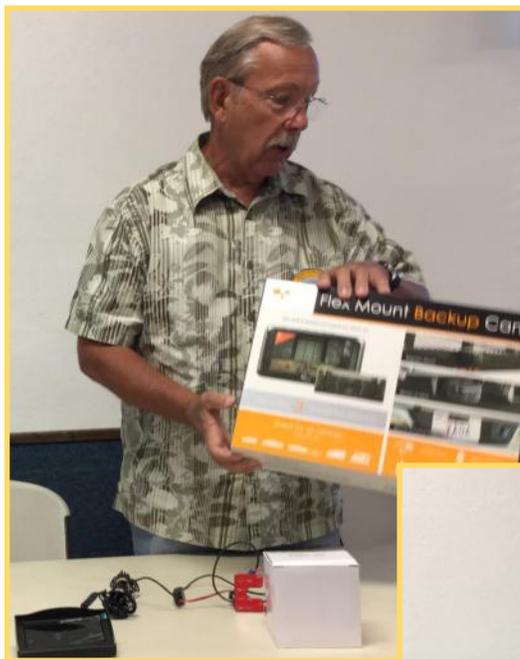
Model A head, 17" and 16" wire wheels and tires; steel front and rear wheel hubs. 1934 V8 engine; Ed Schroder 503.655.4311 or EdwinSchro@comcast.net

Model AA Ford 4 speed with PTO plus spoked drums plus bare block \$100. Stan Sybank 503.476.4946

Neal Jern Overhead conversion Kits (2). 1928 Chevy head. 1921 Olds, completely rebuilt for Model A block. Ron 530.885.0171

**WANTED:**

Sparton horn bell only Ed Schroder 503.655.4311 or EdwinSchro@comcast.net



**BEAVER TALES**



Some likened our car to a horse  
 Their remarks were really coarse  
 Said it was not so hot  
 It should be in a glue pot  
 I'm thinking a sensitivity course.

Terry Findley presented a seminar about Backup Cameras for your Model A at the July meeting. He explained how and what he used on his Sedan Delivery. We went outside afterwards to see the actual camera installed on his car. It is something to consider for your Model A.



**SALLY'S SALLIES**



The only thing you can't see nowadays is what a girl has on her mind.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

a picnic lunch and comfortable chairs and plan to stick around for a couple of hours to enjoy the picnic and cars. Beaver Chapter will pay admission to the park and to the event for all members driving a Model A Ford. A dash plaque is typically given to each participant driving a Ford.

Wednesday, August 16th, Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting 7:30PM at the Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas, OR 97015. **The Parking Lot Swap Meet starts at 6PM, come early to buy, sell or trade your extra Model A parts, tools or trinkets! At the same time the ladies will have era clothing and accessory items for sale inside where it's cool.** Grab some refreshments, buy raffle tickets, the meeting will start afterwards at it's regular time.



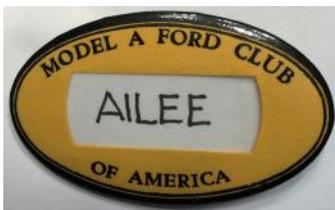
**BEAVER CHAPTER PARKING LOT SWAP MEET!** Grab some refreshments, buy raffle tickets, the meeting will start afterwards at it's regular time.

**NEW MEMBER INFO:** Please add this to your club roster. Robert D. (Doug) Inglis , 1001 NW Lovejoy St. Unit #508, Portland OR 97209. Phone 307.415.6419, email: [inglis22@earthlink.net](mailto:inglis22@earthlink.net) Doug has a 1929 closed cab pickup and was pictured in last months newsletter. Welcome Doug!



Everyone enjoyed the strawberries and ice cream served up by Jim and Adeane at the July meeting. Thanks!

Remember to wear your name tag to the meetings.



It helps us all to remember each others names.

Then show your name tag and pick up a blue ticket to be entered in the name tag drawing. You might be the lucky winner of \$25 if your ticket is drawn!



The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything.



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Dale Fiedler	9 <sup>th</sup>
Roy Asbahr	10 <sup>th</sup>
Dean Boring	10 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Scott	16 <sup>TH</sup>
Debbie Dutton	17 <sup>th</sup>
Sue Perry	19 <sup>TH</sup>
Pete Smiley	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Tim Brost	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Melanie Phillips	28 <sup>th</sup>
Lloyd Dilbeck	29 <sup>th</sup>
Steven Bee	31 <sup>st</sup>