

# The Ahoooga News

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*june*  2020



A photo of **your** Model A could appear on the front cover of our newsletter!  
Just take a nice picture of your car, being careful of the setting and background.  
Email it to the newsletter editor.

The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, Portland Oregon  
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## BEAVER CHAPTER MAFCA 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.

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 signed membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send them to: Rayburn Mitchell at 23101 SE Firwood Rd. 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 \$50.00. Make check out to Model A Ford Club of America.

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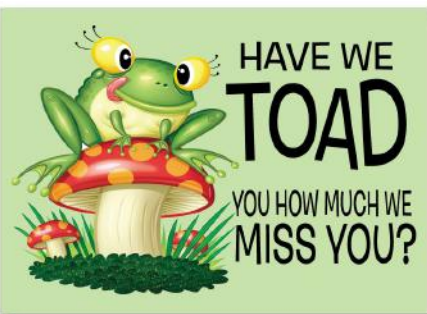
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### CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Tom Winterrowd; Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton; Historian: Lloyd Dilbeck; Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symank; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin.

Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. **The deadline is the weekend following the meeting 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 Ahoooga News*.



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**All events continue to be cancelled!**

I think we all are missing visiting  
with other club members and going on tours.

**But please continue social distancing and stay healthy!  
Call a friend!!**



## President's Column

We are now going into the prime Model A touring season, but COVID-19 is raising havoc with our meetings. **ALL JUNE ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED**, for safety reasons. Some members have been having mini tours which are fine. These mini tours are not considered club functions and no tire tickets will be given out. Do get out and drive your Model A. They, too, need fresh air and a change of scenery.

I am a technical writer, not a creative writer, so it is rather difficult for me to write this column without the help of meetings and tours. Patty and I did take our open cab pickup out on the 85 degree day and as luck would have it I suffered another breakdown. When I used the turn signal for a right hand turn a puff of white smoke would exit from the turn signal case. The second time I used the signal for a right hand turn it really let out a large puff of white smoke. I started using my arm and not the signal indicator. When I got home I took the cover off of the unit. I found that the hot wire to the light bulb had a bare wire where the bar spring had been rubbing, causing the short. I had used a thin piece of rubber around the mounting strap when I installed the unit in 2004. This insulated the unit from the steering column, so I had to add a ground wire. The second time I used the turn signal the short traveled down this wire melting some of the wire insulation. This was a fast easy repair. So, take off your turn signal cover and check for bare wires.

I also want the membership to know that the Board voted to move the January 2021 banquet to May of 2021. The reason for the change is that since 2015 there has been a 40% decrease in attendance. This is probably due to being held at night, bad weather, and our snow birds. The banquet will be an early afternoon event. Pat Fiedler might be the chair of this event.

I will finish with my shout out to Brenda Caseday who is a health care worker. She is on the front line of COVID 19. We wish her safety and good health. Lynn

Do you check the MAFCA website often? It's a wealth of information and we always enjoy checking out the A of the Day.

Under "What's New" May 16 is an item titled "**A Case for Seat Belts**". It lists seven articles about installing seat belts in your Model A.

Do you have seat belts in your Model A? If not this should convince you to get them!



Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in a suburban neighborhood. They parked their truck at the end of the alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house a woman looking out her kitchen window watched the two men as they checked her gas meter.

Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger co-worker to a foot race down the alley back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one.

As they came running up to the truck, they realized the lady from that last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked her what was wrong.

Gasping for breath, she replied, "When I see two gas men running as hard as you two were, I figured I'd better run too!"



## A Break Down Year's in the Making By Lynn Sondenaa

I was going to do a simple check on my Model A. I was crawling underneath the engine to check the torque of the oil pan bolts. These can loosen over time due to the shrinkage of the pan gasket. As I was moving from the front, to the pan, I was meant with a drip of antifreeze in my face. What is up with that, I wondered? I looked the radiator over and it was fine. The lower radiator hoses were good so I checked the upper radiator hose. It had dry rot cracks (photo 1) and on the bottom side a 2 inch long tear (photo 2).

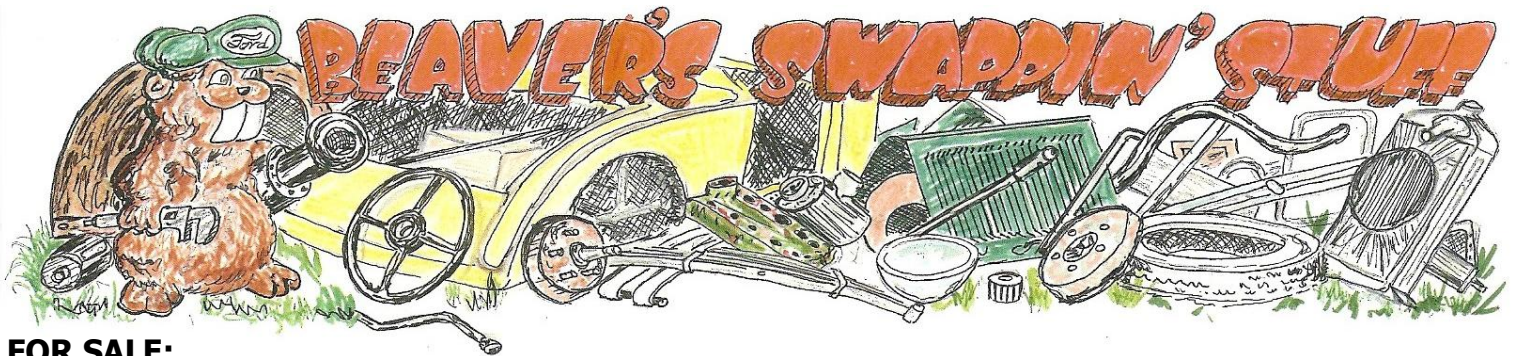
The hose was 10 years old, so I replaced all of the radiator hoses. I was lucky because this break down was in my garage and I was not in a hurry to leave. The moral of this story is to check your tires, radiator hoses, and fan belt for dry rot or cracks. If cracks are present, replace them. It is a lot easier in the garage where you have all the comforts of home.



Photo 1



Photo 2



### FOR SALE:

A 40 foot container filled with a 1929 Model A Tudor project car; body is on the chassis that Morgan had it running before storing. The container is packed with all kinds of extra Model A parts, new tires, wood kit, too many to list. Container is sealed, **must be moved!** \$5,000 Call Eileen Ross for details 503.913.5036



### BEAVER TALES



Get another Model A?  
She said there's no way!  
Months went by  
She said to try  
Presto, a new Cabriolet!

A mayor of a small town passed out pens imprinted with the message, "Got a gripe? Call the mayor." One morning the phone rang and his secretary answered it. "Who was that?" the mayor asked. "A citizen with a gripe" came the reply. "He said the pen you gave him doesn't work."

Misses' & Juniors' Dress with  
Detachable  
Peplum 45¢



## McCall's Pattern 6407

The detachable peplum is an unusual feature on this era dress pattern. It is shown on view A and B and you can see it also on the small drawn version.

The basic dress is rather straight forward with only seaming detail on the skirt of the dress - notice view C. What makes the pattern more interesting is the contrasting Peter Pan type collar and keyhole opening. Long sleeves with cuffs were common, however the short sleeve version is more unusual with the fluttery layers. Also note the short cape effect on A and C and how much more it emphasizes the fluttery short sleeves.

Vintage designers were so clever with small touches! This pattern was not dated but my guess is its' 1931.

~Jeanie Adair

## What's New?

There is a new Era Fashion Article on the MAFCA website. It's titled "Looking Ones Loveliest in 1930". It was written by Jill Barrett who is a current member on the Era Fashion Committee. Every other month one of the members writes an article that is posted under "What's New" or "Fashion Articles", follow the link. It's not just for the ladies, it also has lots of info about men's fashions from 1930.

## Internet Beaver Chapter Board Meeting Minutes May 12 & 13, 2020

Item number one was to approve Mike Worthington as one of our clubs swap meet representative. This motion passed with a vote of 8-0. Mike did not vote on this item.

Item number two was to cancel all of June club activities due to COVID-19. This passed 9-0. It should also be noted that groups of 10 or less can still have tours, but these are not considered club functions and tire tickets will not be handed out.

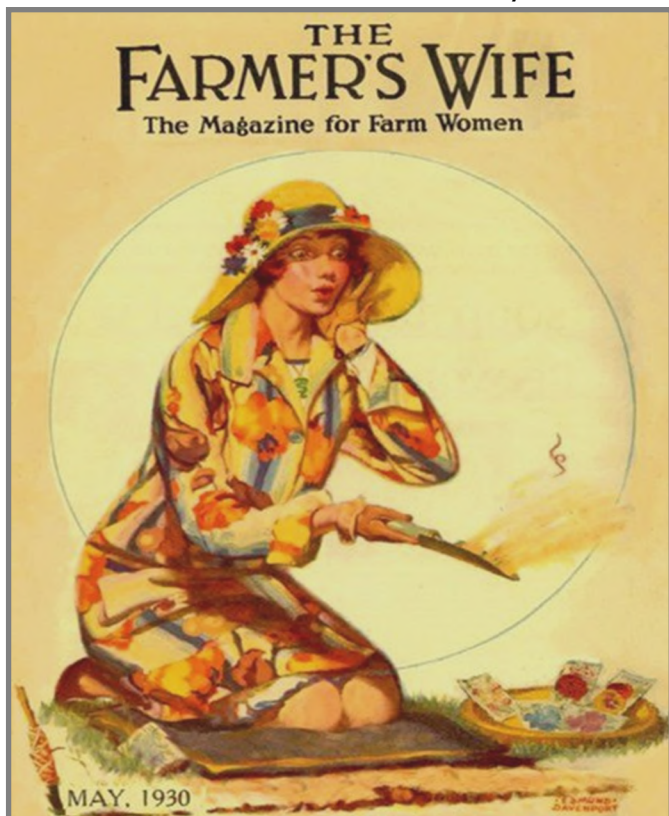
Item number three; do we move the January 2021 banquet to May 2021. This passed by a vote of 5-4-1. It should be noted that there will likely be a December meeting to award the mileage trophy, photo contest winner, and install the new officers. This meeting would take place either the first or second week in December.

Respectfully submitted, by Lynn Sondenaa



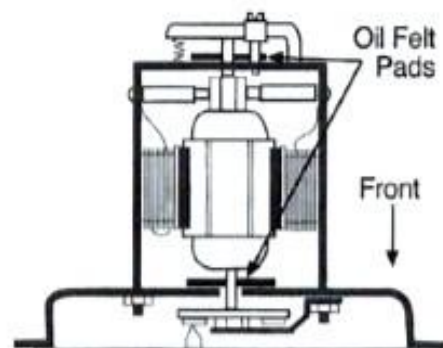


This is Lynn and Anne Humbles ride in the desert.



## HORN LUBRICATION

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working. DO NOT OVER OIL.



Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region.  
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

## **Escape from Confinement – The Battle for Los Angeles, Feb 25, 1942 ~ Art Pugsley**

Having met my first and forever love, a Black 1928 Model A Ford Tudor, and getting to ride in it to neat places, I was hooked for life.

About the same time "The Battle for Los Angeles" was on everyone's mind, they were convinced that the Japanese were gathering up just offshore for a land invasion. (Check Netflix or somewhere for Belushi's movie 1941 and see how many characters you can recognize. For a hint: Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer Snerd, Ma and Pa Kettle). Now my Dad shows up driving a brand new 1941 Dodge Sedan. Good bye to my dream of my Model A Ford. To this day I have not found my dream car. I have owned many Model A's but never THE ONE.

By a very circuitous route we wound away from the coast and landed in Vancouver WA. A cash rich shipyard worker laid 21 \$100 bills on the table (twice what it was worth) and drove off in our new Dodge. My Dad said, "Look at this son, this is the most money you will ever see in your whole life". In a matter of a few days, Dad showed up again, only in a very shaky, no brakes, black 1929 Model A Ford Roadster. At least things were looking up. Plus, guess what, right across the street where we lived was a beautiful 1929 Model A Ford Tudor! The only car Mr. and Mrs. Woods had ever owned! They had bought it brand new and kept it looking new. (The end of this car will be related in a later chapter.) This did not last too long as Dad and Mom and my St Bernard dog filled the seat. I rode in the trunk Yes, the trunk! No rumble seat. My dog Buster did not like my Mom and would shove my Mom around. She was only (not quite) five feet tall and Buster outweighed her. He insisted riding in the middle next to my Dad. We traded Buster off for a rat terrier named Major who would ride in the trunk with me or as he preferred to ride on the rotten cloth top, until it caved in. From then on, he rode in the trunk with me unless it got to gassy and then he would ride on the running board.

## **MURPHY'S LESSER KNOWN LAWS**

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
10. The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
11. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day, drinking beer.
12. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
13. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
14. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Adversity can destroy or redefine. That option always belongs to us.





I always find it interesting to see what the guys use to "decorate" their shops and garages.

It's not always about the Model A's that are stored there.

Model A guys tend to collect other neat old stuff and creatively find ways to display or repurpose it.





Do you have a  
"collection" you  
would like  
to share a photo  
of in the  
newsletter?

Send the Editor a  
couple photos!





Back in 1974 I finished my 30 Coupe. I had been pouring babbitt for some time and I built a B block with my first attempt at inserts. It is equipped with a cast iron Crager, early Mallory ignition and dual up draft Winfield's. 32 transmission and Halibrand quick change. (That I purchased new in 1958 for the outrageous cost of 185.00 I almost cried). After bragging it up a little this poem showed up in our The Ahoooga News.

### **More Lousy Limericks by Leif Spring**

**"There's a feud in the making by "G"  
between the old "A" and the "B".**

**They'll both beat the "T"  
but glory's for m"E"**

**"Cus I'll pass em up with my "C"!"**

We all had a good laugh over that.

Leif Spring wrote funny poems for the newsletter for years and to this day, He or She, remains anonymous. Our club even published all of the works in a booklet. Most are extremely funny and pointed at our club members. We have not had any for years now and as for the author we have suspicions. \*

This photo is my coupe today as I finished it 1974.  
Still running strong.

"G"reg "E"dwards

Gaston, OR

\*It has since been confirmed that Leif was Pat Brost

### **COMPUTER WISDOM**

I changed my password everywhere to  
"incorrect".  
That way when I forget it, it always reminds  
me with "Your password is incorrect."

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I was asked to have a password of  
eight characters, so I chose  
"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Why do I have to press one for English  
when you're just going to transfer me to  
someone I can't understand anyway!

Don't trust what you see,  
even salt looks like sugar.

A suggestion for those of us suffering  
from brown spots:  
Wear green, it won't clash!





Rob Oxley sent this photo - he has cars from **A** to **Z**! He has had his 1931 Pickup for about 10 years, and the Z is a 1975 Datsun 280Z.



I also received this photo of Jim Patrick's newly acquired 1930 Cabriolet.  
When will we get to see it?



With so many sporting events being cancelled, they're having to televise the World Origami Championship.

It's on Paperview



Events continue to be cancelled for the month of June due to the pandemic. Give a club member a call...

These two vehicles are new donations to the MAFI Museum. The top one is The America's Sweetheart (see



the story in *The Restorer* Mar/Apr 1998 ) the other is a Sears Tractor Conversion.



Gary Myers	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lori Symank	4 <sup>th</sup>
Jeanie Adair	5 <sup>th</sup>
Yvonne Boring	5 <sup>th</sup>
Rich Murphy	6 <sup>th</sup>
Toni Moore	6 <sup>th</sup>
Bonnie Starkweather	7 <sup>th</sup>
Marlin Binder	7 <sup>th</sup>
Amanda Uthe	7 <sup>th</sup>
David Kratochvil	7 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Slack	10 <sup>th</sup>
Dale Witkowski	12 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Witkowski	12 <sup>th</sup>
Ed Saldana	13 <sup>th</sup>
Mary McConnell	13 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Fancher	18 <sup>th</sup>
Glenn Slack	18 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Popelka	19 <sup>th</sup>
Lynn Sondenaa	20 <sup>th</sup>
Adeane Patrick	20 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Pargman	20 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Stevenson	21 <sup>st</sup>
Robert Jones	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ray McNamee	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lyn McDonald	25 <sup>th</sup>
Russ Smith	27 <sup>th</sup>
Park Woodworth	28 <sup>th</sup>