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Ken Holtmann's 1930 Tudor in front of the Marshall House

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BEAVER CHAPTER MODEL A FORD CLUB 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.

Beaver Chapter Membership commences on January 1st or the date paid and expires on December 31st. Dues are \$10 for a member plus \$1.00 for a spouse/ partner. Late renewals are charged \$5.00. Make check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send directly to the Membership Coordinator Jennie Ryan at 2415 NE 110th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98684.

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, mail directly to 250 S. Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631-5515.

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NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Tom Winterrowd;
Portland Swap Meet Reps: Mike Worthington and Bill Griffith;
Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Refreshments: Debbie Dutton;
MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin; Web Site: <http://beaverchapterford.org/>

The Ahooga News is the club newsletter. Articles and contributions are encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. Send directly to the Editor at: noe2912@comcast.net or 2222 Matterhorn Ct West Linn OR 97068. The newsletter deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

HAPPY MAY DAY!!! Well if there is any truth to the saying “April showers bring May flowers” there are going to be a lot of beautiful flowers this Spring. I have to give a big shout out to all of our Model A’ers for braving the tour with rain in the forecast. I wasn’t so brave, but our car is not enclosed and has no side curtains That’s my story and I’m sticking to it.



So glad to get through Swap Meet this year and I am very proud of the Beaver Chapter Model A club for everyone showing up and standing their duty. Mike Worthington is putting together a presentation to go to all the six car clubs with the information about all the changes happening with the Swap Meet next year. We are very lucky to have Mike in our club and his wealth of knowledge and ability to manage the numbers and put the information together in a fashion that we can all understand.

Another thing that I am proud of is our First Wednesday breakfast. Although it is not a sanctioned club activity and there are those not interested in participating, which is OK, it is an opportunity to get a group of friends together to socialize about their A’s in a much more casual setting than a club meeting. It is becoming much more popular. Last month we had a record turnout of twenty people, many for whom it was their first time. It is a great opportunity to welcome and get to better know new members .

Well, the last but not least thing I want to mention is the banquet, Brenda has done a wonderful job to put this event on and I think everyone will have a great time!!!!

Respectfully yours,

Debbie Dutton

Beaver Chapter General Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2023

Call to Order: President Debbie Dutton called the meeting to order at 7:25PM with 61 members present.

Flag Salute: President Debbie Dutton led the flag salute.

Debbie Dutton welcomed the visitors and new members. New member Doug Sieckmann shared that he has a 1929 Model A and lives in the Eagle Creek area.

Minutes Approval: Chris Irwin asked that the minutes be corrected to read that the \$50.00 deposit for the Past Presidents Tour will be refunded to you at the Friday night banquet. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and voted on. It passed.

Treasurer was on vacation.

Swap Meet report: Bill Griffith led a discussion on the merits of the Swap Meet and the changes that the members felt would be helpful. He shared that the Swap Meet Board is considering some changes to improve the vendor area and to reduce the number of duties members need to cover.

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday shared with the members that Parry Sondenaa's father had passed away and the club was sending flowers.

May Banquet: The Banquet will take place on May 6th at 2pm. If you choose to drive your car, please arrive at least 15 minutes early. There will be special indoor parking for the Model A's that are driven to the event. Brenda Caseday requests that each member who drives their car, bring pans or cardboard to catch the drips of oil which are a common problem on the cars. Our meal will be Italian and our dessert will be delicious. See the Ahooga Newsletter for the address. Members need to pay their \$30.00 per couple by Monday, April 24, 2023 to Debbie Dutton.

Name Tag Drawing: Sharon Fancier won.

Tours: Michael Haight encouraged more people to sign up for the tour to Aurora, Oregon to shop for Antiques. Pam McClafin invited the membership to take a tour with her to the Albany Carousel Museum. The tour will be on May 20, 2023. It will be all on back roads, arriving in Albany by 1PM. The tour will meet at WinCo at 8:30AM and depart at 9 AM. Check the Ahooga Newsletter for more information.

Membership: Jennie Ryan reported that we have two new members. They are LeRoy Naffin of Camas, Washington and Doug Sieckmann of Eagle Creek, Oregon. The winner of the membership drawing was not present.

50/50 Drawing: Chris Irwin won the drawing.

Club Swap Meet Booth: Jeanie Adair organized the membership to staff the booth. She held a drawing for a gift card for those who had manned the booth. Ron Baird won.

Beaver Chapter General Meeting for April 19, 2023 (cont'd)

Ladies Seminar: Tonight the seminar will be about Era Quilts.

Editor: David Hawbecker asked for pictures of cars and stories for the Ahooga News.

David Adair: Swan Island Dahlias will not mail the club's order until next week. See David if you your bulb order sooner than the May meeting.

David Adair: David and Jeanie are inviting those interested to join them on a trip to Crater Lake and other interesting spots in the area. Contact David if you would like to go.

Steering Gear Seminar Part 2: This seminar will be held on May 13, 2023. See David Adair for more information.

Model A Seminar: David Adair will present a seminar on the Model A transmission after the meeting.

Rayburn Mitchell: Rayburn brought our attention to free materials he has available to the membership on the front table.

Refreshments: Thank you to Doug Inglis for the treats and Ted Downs for the drinks.

Tom Winterrowd: Tom thanked the membership for their support throughout his recovery from a heart attack.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



MAY BEAVER CHAPTER TOUR—MAY 20

Beaver Chapter Tour will be to the Albany Historic Carousel and Museum in Albany, The drive is about 65 miles and two hours each way. On the return trip we will also be stopping by the Willamette Valley Pie Comp--any near Silverton. We all need desert. Right?

Please meet at the WinCo Market at 19701 Highway 213 in Oregon City. If you are traveling on 205 to reach Oregon City you will need to take Exit 10 toward Molalla. 213 goes up the hill past Beaver Creek Rd. WinCo will be on the right hand side of the road. Watch for a Circle K or you can turn on Meyer Rd. and it will take you to the WinCo parking lot. **We will depart at 9:00 a.m. sharp. You should have a full tank of gas and empty bladder. The sign up sheet will be at the May meeting or contact Pamela at [503-778-0434](tel:503-778-0434) or pammac31@gmail.com.**

Beaver Chapter Board Meeting – April 19, 2023

Call to order: Debbie Dutton called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Board members present: Debbie Dutton, Leonard Dutton, David Hawbecker, Bill Griffith, Jennie Ryan, Tom Ryan, Michael Haight, and Penny Haight.

Minutes Approval: A motion to approve the March 15, 2023 minutes as published in the Ahooga Newsletter was made and second. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

No Treasurers report.

Swap Meet Report: Bill Griffith reported that the Swap Meet is planning to restructure the way they set up the event. Keep tuned for the final plan.

Spring Banquet: May 6 is the Spring Banquet. Debbie Dutton is collecting the \$30.00 per couple for the banquet. She requests that she receive those funds by Monday, April 24, 2023.

Tours: Michael Haight is excited about the tour to Aurora, Oregon. He has all the regular tour dates filled with the exception of October 18, 2023. He will be talking to the membership about getting that filled. Michael would like to have some extra tours during the summer. He would like to have a picnic with all the club members in July or August at Bear Springs Picnic Area.

Membership: Jennie Ryan and David Hawbecker asked for information on how to handle the publishing of club member's birthdays. The Board had a discussion on the topic.

Editor: David Hawbecker will ask for stories about Model A events and seminars. He would appreciate receiving pictures of Model A's for the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary

PART TWO STEERING SEMINAR

Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.

GREG EDWARD'S SHOP

53535 S.W. Scoggins Valley Road

Gaston 97119

Greg will demonstrate aligning the front end of your Model A

Bring a sack lunch. Cookies provided

SEEKING FORGIVENESS

I PISSED OFF MY MODEL A (final chapter)

By Bill Griffith

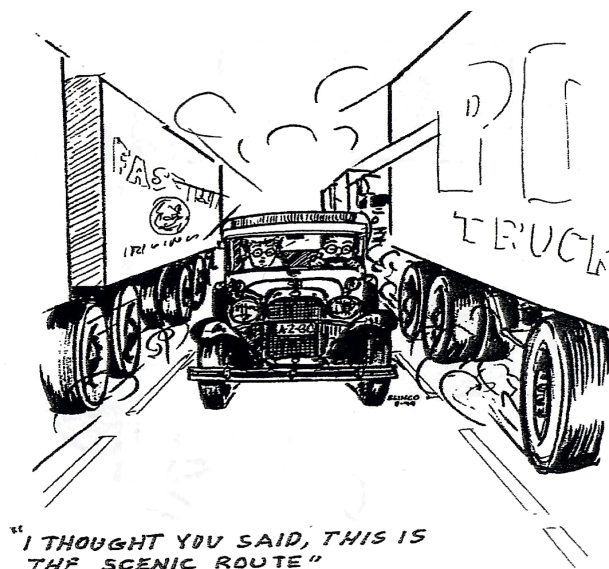
When I was under the A I noticed some dripping fluid. It was a split in my hydraulic break line. So off to Napa [again] for the needed parts. This was another first for me and went fairly well. There was also a noise in the right rear wheel, so I pulled the hub and cleaned all dust and repacked the bearings. Noise gone. The A continues to mess with my head. I am to the point of bleeding the brakes and then reinstalling the battery.

Surprisingly, all went well. I checked all fluids, connections and looked for any visible signs of something not being right. So here I go again. Turned the key and she fired right up. Put her in gear and exited my garage with a very big smile. My A is on the road again and I haven't had to use any special words for days.

Mary Flower was a very proud woman. Strong convictions and values. She really wasn't someone you would want to piss off. I am sorry Mom that I did that and hope you are no longer upset with me.

“OH! FOR THE LOVE OF THE HOBBY”

- Acknowledgments: All the club members who provided encouragement, suggestions, BS and overall support. To those members who provided hands on assistance, without whom I would not be finished; Lynn S, Gene S, David A, Tom I, Richard S. And to Alyce who stood with me and even helped many times.





MAY BIRTHDAYS

Julie Peters	3rd	Ben McConnell	17th
Bruce Barnett	4th	Anita Uhl	19th
Tom Irwin	6th	Leonard Dutton	20th
Ted Downs	7th	Richard Starkweather	21st
Doug Inglis	10th	Art Pugsley	22nd
Una McLaughlin	11th	Ingeborg Dexter	27th
Kirk Metteer	12th	Gail Saldana	28th
Brenda Caseday	16th	Chris Irwin	29th

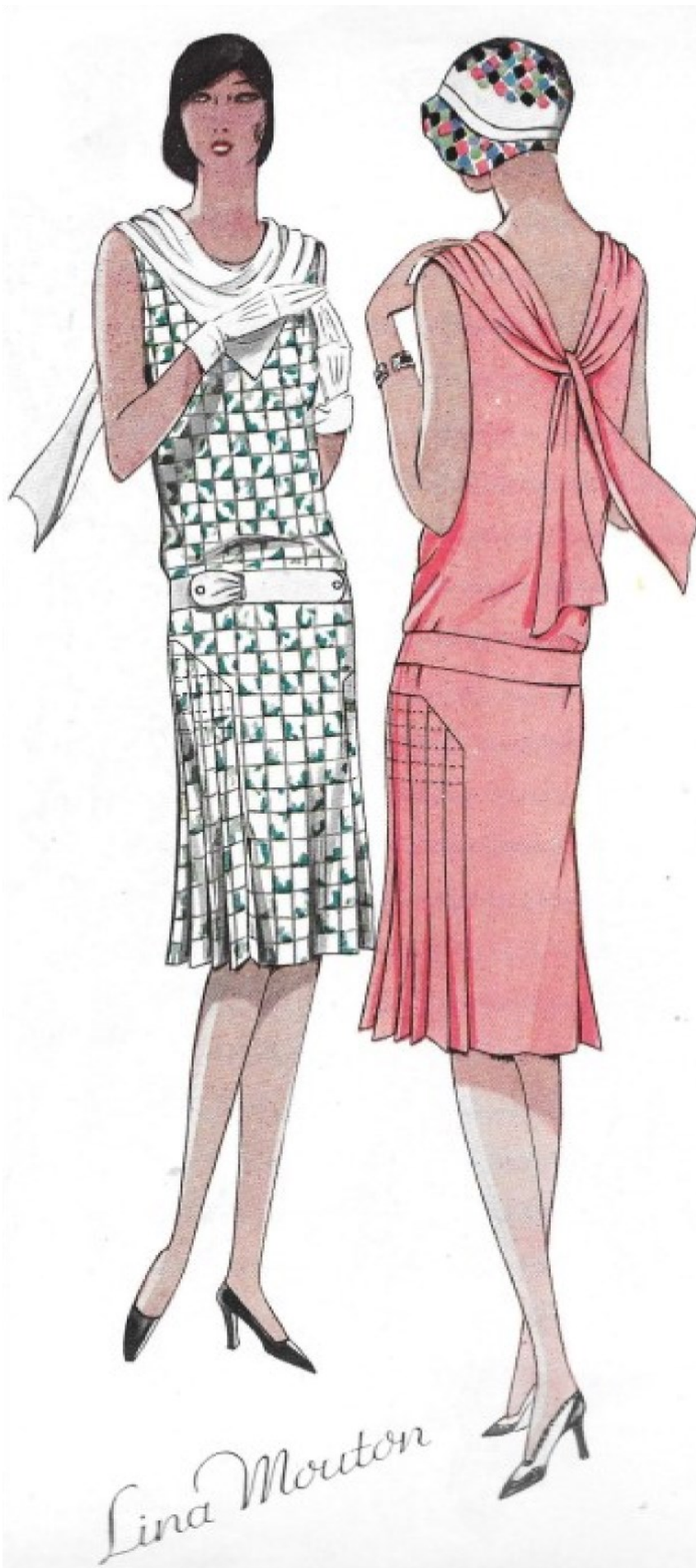
Robert Flake 30th

Breakfast April 6 at Renee's in Oregon City



POEM—Courtesy of Bill Jabs

All you folks a' listen to what I say
About a new Ford called a Model A
Ol' John Henry knew his biz
When he said I'm a'gonna make a lady outta' Liz
A fella' bought one just the other day
He went to try it out on the new highway
When he got to 60, well he lost his nerve
And forgot to shut off when he went around a curve
He passed two Packards and a Cadillac too
With the speed meter sitting on 72
Folks along the road could hear the fella' shout
"The darn thing's in second and I can't get it out!"
If your girls don't love you, let me tell you what to do
But a new Ford that's big enough for two
When you take one to ride, she will greet you with a smile
And she'll want to stop and kiss you every time you go a mile
Now if you go to Heaven, I will give you all a tip
Drive an old Ford, cause it's bound to make the trip
But if you go to Torment, drive a Model A
'Cause it'll out-run the Devil, and you're bound to get away



EARLY MODEL A FASHION FINDS

When I say “early” or “later” I’m breaking down the four years Model A’s were being produced. In 1928 and 1929 women’s era fashions generally tended to be long waisted, dropped to the hip line, with no defined natural waistline. They also were shorter in length. From 1930 to 1931 the emphasis gradually changed to the natural waistline. The dress length also dropped a few inches. Hat designs changed too.

When you find a nice illustration of era fashions on the internet it doesn’t always tell the year, and sometimes when it does it might be wrong. You have to learn some general information of what year ladies garments evolved and changed. Men’s garments did not change that much in the four years.

So why does this matter, you might ask! The other question is what do you want to do with era fashions? If you would just like to have something to wear that “looks the part” when you ride in your Model A, or when you attend a function, it isn’t so critical. The real issue arises if you want to enter MAFCA fashion judging. That’s when Model A fashions get more precise. If you are interested in learning more about fashions please ask.

This dress pattern is an example of the earlier years. See the wide belt is low about the hips. You see no emphasis of the natural waistline. Pleats were also common in ‘28 and ‘29. Skirt lengths were just barely below the knee. One more clue is that 1928 hats were very close fitting, almost helmet like, with almost no eyebrows or hair showing. My guess is that this is a 1929 offering for the simple reasons that the dress is sleeveless, which would suggest it was being offered as a spring design, and the black hat is more of a design featured in 1929. Now notice how different the dresses are with different kinds of material. It’s all about details!

Fashion Details by Jeanie Adair



Aurora Antique Tour

Twenty-three Beaver Chapter members were blessed with some sun and some warm temperatures for a fun trip to Aurora, Oregon. Did you know that Aurora is known as a national destination for Antiques and Vintage? The antiques are numerous and full of variety. I was intrigued with the original owner's name on each historic building. These buildings were built around 1853. The South End Antique Mall is housed in an old Turkey Hatchery which was built in 1919.

The tour group had a filling breakfast at Denny's in Canby, Oregon. The food was good, and the service was the best. After breakfast, Mike Haight, our tour director, gathered the members and led a tour around the town of Canby. We saw some of the new and old housing of Canby and even viewed the Dahlia gardens without the Dahlias planted yet. From there, he led us to Aurora. Everyone was teasing Mike for his lack of direction and had lots of fun.

The very best antiques at the Aurora Antiques Tour were the very ones we were riding in. Other antique shoppers were thrilled to view our cars and to reminisce about when they had ridden in a Model A. We showed many curious spectators our cars and had a great time visiting with them.

By Penny Haight

BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S IN CANBY AND ANTIQUE SHOPPING IN AURORA



2023 SWAP MEET THANK YOU

Bill and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's Swap Meet. Fifty-seven years ago, six local car clubs worked together to hold a swap meet. Remarkably, today those same clubs continue to work together to put on the Portland Antique Auto Swap Meet. This event is only possible because of the volunteer efforts of the club membership. There are about 600 volunteer duty assignments required to support this effort, with each club filling about fifty duty slots. The remaining 300 duty slots are filled by the Swap Meet committee members. The Swap Meet is an LLC owned by the six founding car clubs, and its continued existence is only possible with your support.

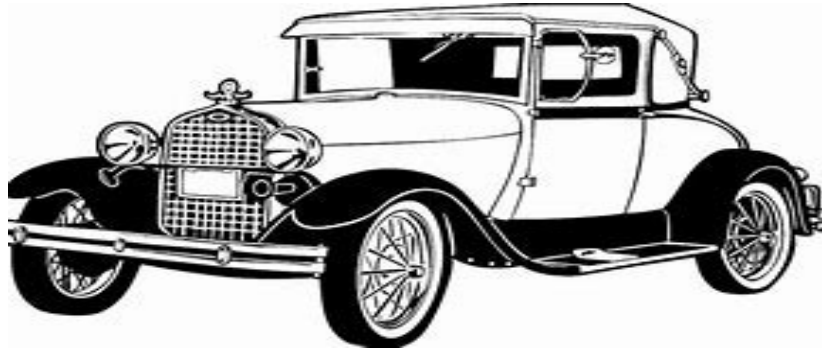
The Swap Meet committee is in the process of finishing up the books for the 2023 Portland Swap Meet. Financial results for this year's swap meet are not yet known. This includes ticket revenue from EXPO, and bus and traffic control reimbursement from PIR. As you know, for a variety of reasons, things are costing much more again this year. The Swap Meet is not exempt from this unfortunate turn of events. The general cost growth that we have incurred this year is on par with last year. Big changes are in work for the 2024 Swap Meet. This effort has just begun, and nothing is final. Progress and the status of this refactoring process will be presented at each of our monthly meetings.

The Swap Meet Committee has informed us to not expect the first profit distribution at the end of April, which has been the custom. They need to hold back any distributions until all 2023 event expenses are settled. Once the taxes are completed this fall, we will have a solid understanding of the fiscal results for this year. Meanwhile, the Swap Meet board will work on cost control measures as we go forward with refactor planning for the 2024 event.

Again, we would like to thank those who contributed to this year's successful event. If you missed out this year, mark your calendars for the first weekend in April. As always, if you have any concerns, comments, or questions about the Swap Meet, or the Swap Meet committee, please contact Bill or me and we will do our best to get you an answer.

Thanks for reading this,

Mike Worthington



TOUR SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 19TH

The spread sheet below is the list of scheduled tours for the rest of the year for the Beaver A's. Be advised this may not be a complete list and is subject to change. The list will be updated next month if any changes occur. I have planned two tours in May through September. The primary or traditional tours for the club will be on the 3rd Saturday after the monthly meeting. Extra tours will be in addition depending in the interest shown.

Michael Haight, Vice President and Tour coordinator

Description tour 1	Month	Date tour 1	Description tour2	Date tour 2	Leaders
Xmas pot Luck	December 2022				
Steering gear seminar	January 2023		Mystery trip		David A
Fun winter tour	February 2023				Doug I & M Haight
Fort Vancouver tour	March 2023	3/18/2023	EG Aviation Museum		Mike Haight
Swap Meet	April 2023	4/22/2023	Ladies antique tour	4/22/2023	Mike & Penny H
Albany Carrousel tour?	May 2023	5/20/2023	Oxbow Park picnic?	5/13/2023 ?	Pam & Terri T 1
Covered Bridge tour	June 2023	6/17/2023	Bear Springs picnic ?	6/24/2023 ?	Lynn & Anne Humble
Lacy Lady tour	July 2023	7/15/2023	Antique car historic tour hwy 30 ?	7/08/2023	Mike W T1 Leader TBA
Scenic Farm tour	August 2023	8/19/2023	Sterner Cabin tour		Chris Irwin, T1 Tom Winterrowd T2
Past president's tour	September 2023	9/21-23/2023	T.B.A.		Lynn S
Fall colors tour ?	October 2023		T.B.A.		TBA ?
Garage day tour	November 2023				David Adair
Xmas pot luck	December 2023				