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Just a photo I found on the internet on Pinterest... wish it was one of our members Model A!



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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.

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 \$50.00. Mail to: MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress Ave., La Habra, CA 90631.

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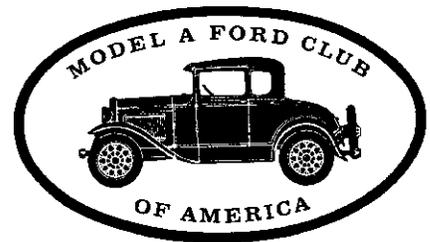
Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. **The deadline is the weekend following the meeting unless announced otherwise.**

Correspondence should be sent directly to the Editor: jadadaja@msn.com 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>

REFRESHMENT HOSTS FOR THE MEETING: July - Nurry Scott; August - Ron & Barbara Whitworth; September - Andrew & JoAnn Jackman; **October - Need a host for this meeting;** November - It's Pie Night! Everyone bring a pie to share - Cathy Smiley & Chris Irwin in the kitchen.

Thank You to Ted Downs for always bringing the cold beverages!



PRESIDENTS COLUMN

As most of you know the National Model A Convention was held the last week of June in Reno/Sparks. I started out my little portion of the tour with Bruce & Bobbie Barnett and Bruce Goldson and of course my husband, Tom. We met on Friday, June 22nd, in Newberg and headed out on 99W. Part way towards Corvallis Bruce G. was overheating and adding water to his radiator. At Corvallis he added a bunch more water as he had a broken water pump. After deciding that he most likely couldn't make the rest of the trip, he headed back home. About 1:15 he called and said he was taking off in his Jeep and would meet us at the hotel in Klamath Falls.

We had a little overheating going over Willamette Pass but a little water took care of that. Arriving at Klamath Falls, we checked into our rooms which were large enough that we could have held a full blown square dance in the empty space. Bruce G. showed up shortly after our arrival but his room was not ready until close to 7:00pm. Dinner that night at a Chinese restaurant and breakfast in the morning at the Waffle House with a 20% off coupon, compliments of the hotel. Time to head out for the Nugget in Reno. Down the road, a short stop to load up the radiators with a little more juice in order to make it up those nice inclines. Now Bruce B. couldn't start his Cabriolet. The Bendix spring on the starter was stuck so a little tap with a tire iron and it started right up. Being aware that we might be experiencing some overheating, Tom was keeping a watchful eye on the temperature gauge. Just as we passed Border Town, he says, "Where are we on gas?" And I said "the 0 is almost out of sight. Sure enough we ran out of gas. Bruce G. following in his trusty Jeep stopped. Barnett's were ahead of us and said there was an exit 1 1/2 miles up the freeway with a gas station. Tom stayed with the Model and Bruce and I went for gas. With no loaner gas can I had to buy a one gallon can and fill it with gas and back down the road for easy access back to the stranded car. Oh, the trials and tribulations of traveling in an old car. I guess we got off easy. Just talk to David Adair about his experience.



Jeanie Adair, Amanda Uthe and Chris Irwin dressed for the Awards Banquet in Sparks.

The convention had lots of things to do but the five of us also had to spend three of those evenings watching the College World Series baseball games. We were very thrilled when Oregon State Beavers ended up winning the 3rd game and taking the college championship. Good cause to celebrate.

We left early on June 30th and stopped for one of those great McDonald's breakfasts. Bruce B. was having some problems cutting out going up hills. He changed out his carburetor while the rest of us enjoyed our morning treats. Continuing on we did make it to Klamath Falls for our stop over. The three guys spent about two hours changing out three different carburetors and finally the distributor. He ended up going back to the original distributor and one of Tom's carburetors. The next day we had a very uneventful day getting back home. I guess they don't call it a **F(ix)O(r)R(epar)D(aily)** for nothing.

Chris Irwin, President

Even The Pedals! by Tom Endy

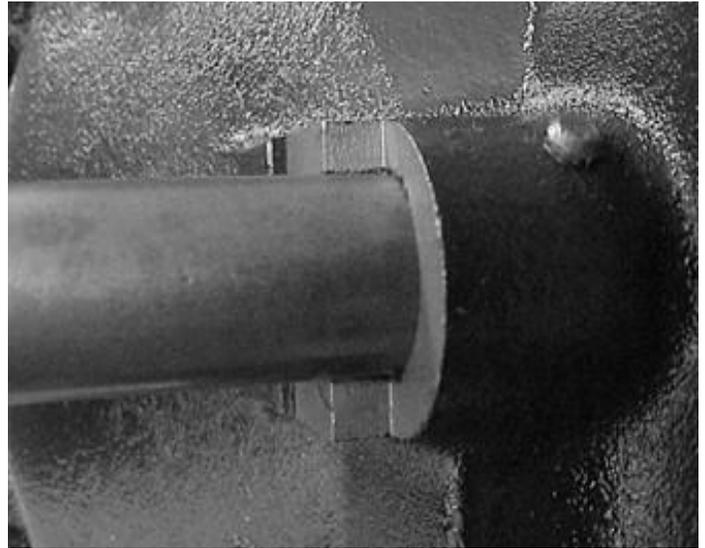
It is quite common to find that the brake pedal and the clutch pedal on a Model A Ford do not return to the upright position so that they are even with one another. One pedal may sit lower than the other. This is caused by wear on the bell housing brake pedal stops, the clutch and brake pedal stops, and the clutch pedal collar stops.

There is a very easy way to correct the problem and it is best accomplished when a complete restoration of the bell housing is being done. The restoration should include a new pedal shaft, a new clutch release shaft, new bushings in the bell housing, and new bushings in both pedals.

To even the pedals up you should begin with a new clutch pedal collar, p/n 7507-C, that has no wear on it. Slide the brake pedal onto the pedal shaft and pull it up against the stop on the bell housing so that it is in the full upright position. This will be the reference point for adjusting the clutch pedal to be even with it.

Slide the clutch pedal onto the pedal shaft and install the clutch pedal collar and insert the locking pin. Pull the clutch pedal up to the full upright position with the pedal stops against the collar stops. The clutch pedal will probably be sitting lower than the brake pedal if you installed a new clutch pedal collar.

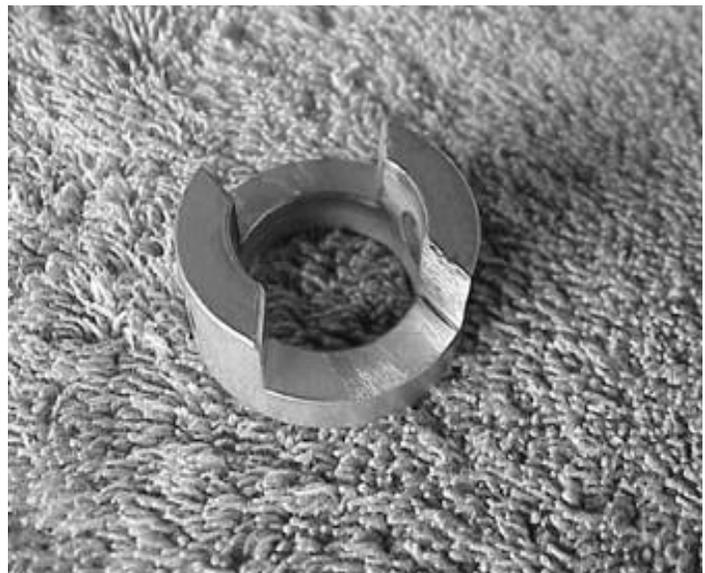
Carefully note where the clutch pedal stops are sitting against the collar stops. With a marking pen mark the location of the two collar stops that are in contact with the pedal stops. There are four stops on the collar, but you are only interested in the two you marked. Place the collar in a vice and carefully file material off both marked stops. Try to do it evenly. It is a trial and error fit process. As you remove material from the two collar stop positions the clutch pedal will start to move up even with the brake pedal. When the process is complete both pedals will be even regardless of the orientation of the clutch pedal collar. It can install on the pedal shaft two ways, but it won't make any difference in the pedal height.



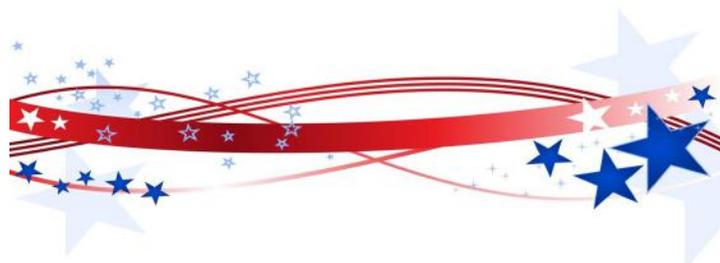
Bell housing brake pedal stops



Brake pedal stops



Clutch pedal collar, with stops, p/n A7507-C





Red White and Blue - That has always been a classic! The sleeveless white dress with blue poke-a-dots would be so cool for spring and summer. Its smart white collar edged with blue is "V" necked, finished with a bow. A buckled belt marks the waistline and the skirt has a nice flare.

The red print dress is effectively trimmed with white again - on the collar, belt buckle, and interesting trim on the cuffs and zig zag lines at the hipline. Again the skirt is flared nicely by bias cut sections. These are from a March 1930 *McCalls* magazine.
~ Jeanie Adair

After a delicious dinner and a few drinks, the wife leads her husband into the bedroom. With a very seductive voice the woman asked her husband, "Have you ever seen twenty dollars all crumpled up?"

"No," said her husband. She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top two buttons of her blouse, and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft silky push-up bra, and pulled out a crumpled twenty-dollar bill. He took the crumpled twenty-dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly.

She then asked him, "Have you ever seen fifty dollars all crumpled up?" "Uh...no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice. She gave him another sexy little smile, unbuttoned a couple more buttons on her blouse, and slowly reached into the cleavage and pulled out a crumpled fifty-dollar bill. He took the crumpled fifty dollars and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "Have you ever seen fifty thousand dollars all crumpled up?" "No way!" he said, while obviously becoming even more aroused and excited, to which she replied, "Go look in the garage!"
From the *SCRIPT A NEWS*

MY NEW 'A'

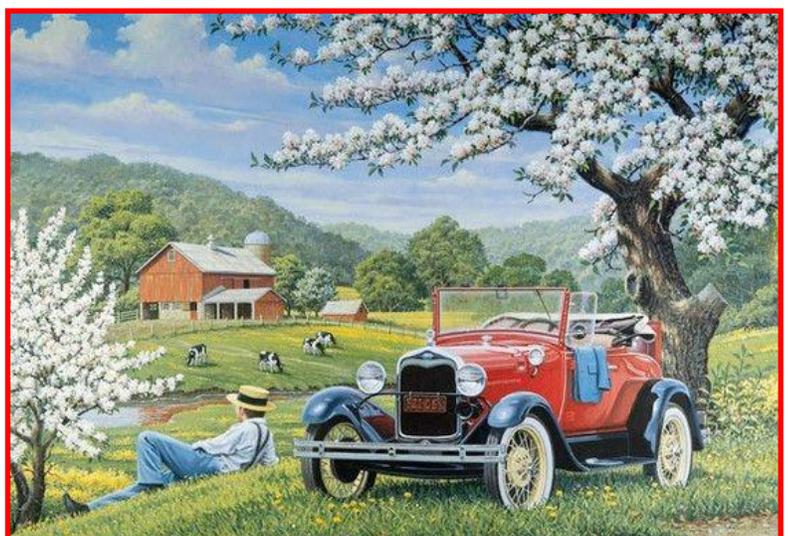
Had a fine pair of pumps, as did I;

And a pair of black hose, as did I;

Plus pleats on her seat, as did I;

A right stylish young thing, as was I!

Thanks for coming, have fun, as will I!



THAT ORNERY MODEL A

How do folks learn to fix cars in the country? In this case, one neighbor at a time.

When Dad bought a 1928 Model A Ford in 1935, I thought we were just about rich. Well at least for the first half mile into our first drive to town. That's when the car coughed and sputtered to a dead stop. Dad walked around the door and raised one side of the hood purposefully. He shook wires, lifted caps, tapped metal and kicked the tires.

"Maybe you need a new string," I said, pointing to a strip of flour sack tied to something. "That one looks really dirty." Dad gave me a funny look.

Amos Spradley came along in his wagon. "Got car trouble?" he offered. "I ain't never owned one, but I heard tell if the spark plugs are dirty, the thing won't crank."

"What's a spark plug?" Dad asked.

Amos climbed down and the men ducked their heads under the hood. "Don't rightly know," Amos said, "but I believe it's them things". He pointed to what looked like four little bottles lined up. Dad carefully unscrewed one, eyeballed it warily, then wiped it reasonably clean with a rag. He cleaned all four, then got in behind the steering wheel to start it. Nothing happened.

"Well, must be something else," Amos said before hollering at his horse to giddy up.

Dad sighed and looked over at me. I studied the closest tire and gave it a kick. Just then, Peanut Jenkins rode up on his mule. "Got car trouble?" he nodded. "Ben Simpkins had the same. Car wouldn't start for nothing. It was his carburetor stopped up."

Both men stuck their heads together over the fender. Peanut reached way in and touched something. "Yep, I think it's this thing right here."

Dad tried to remove the carburetor, but it stayed put. He wiped everything in reach, then jumped inside and tried starting it up. Still nothing.

Peanut slung a leg over his mule. "Looks like that wasn't it after all."

Dad walked a few paces off, wiping grease off his hands, staring at the car and muttering. Bubba Wilson pedaled up on his bicycle.

"Don't you ask me what's wrong with this car," Dad warned before Bubba could open his mouth.

Bubba shrugged, more interested in the car body than the motor. "Probably ain't got gas, anyways."

Dad stared at him a full minute, then cut a straight limb from a tree and stuck it in where he'd taken off the gas cap. It came out bone-dry.

Bubba went for gas, and after Dad poured it in, our Model A started right up. Dad laughed hard and winked at me.

"I guess if you wait long enough, the answer just comes to you!"

Story by Edna Norrell, Montgomery, Alabama as printed in the March *The Connecting Rod* newsletter.

Are You Getting Everything?

Did you know your membership in MAFCA includes a free digital copy of The Restorer Magazine? If you are not receiving it, send an email to info@mafca.com In the subject line, write "Sign up for the Digital Restorer".

Several Beaver Chapter members "Advanced to Sparks" for the national MAFCA meet. Some spent three days going, (David & Jeanie and Pam and Terry) while others drove it in two days (Irwins, Barnettes, Fiedlers and Bruce Goldson.

We enjoyed the seminars, swap meets, fashion events, car judging, welcome buffet, individual tours, and the grand tour to Lake Tahoe was glorious!



Amanda Uthe was the parts supplier for the meet and did a booming business in the repair tent area.

You'll have to ask David why he's working on his brakes in the repair tent...



Amanda had a new vintage dress she wore to the banquet. One of the cars that was judged was Al's Taxi.



We drove under the famous arch in Reno for luck!



The NCRG did a fantastic job hosting the meet. It's always thrilling to see so many Model A's in one spot!

Beaver Chapter June 20, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chris Irwin at 6:05. The May Board minutes were approved.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Board members were assigned to tasks. Arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 and bring your own aprons. (Special Note: After the meeting Pat Fiedler agreed to prepare the eggs for the breakfast).

PAST PRESIDENTS TOUR – Richard reported that 22 people have signed up. Reservations must be made by Friday, June 22 at the Westcliff Lodge in Hood River. The club will give members cash to pay for one dinner at the 3 Rivers Grill. A BBQ was discussed; however, no decision was made.

TOUR – Silver Creek Falls on July 14th

SWAP MEET – Mike Worthington reported an enormous increase in fees and bus services. The revenue is not keeping pace with expenditures. The committee now meets monthly to address and solve concerns.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK will now be at the VFW. Chris Irwin reported that our reservations at the Community Center have been cancelled.

NEWSLETTER – Jeanie reported that since she will be attending the Model A Convention the July Newsletter will be delayed. Members will receive the newsletter via email before July 4th.

MOTION: TIRE TICKETS will be given to participants of official and qualified ad hoc tours. A qualified ad hoc tour must be publicly announced at a meeting or by email. The motion was approved.

GREETERS: Chris Irwin reported that Ed Schroeder and Tom Irwin volunteered to be greeters.

The AUGUST BOARD MEETING will be changed to 5:00 due to the Swap Meet in the Parking Lot at 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler, Secretary

A Bit of History

I have long admired the art work on the vintage era magazine covers. One day I noticed that *McCall's* magazine covers all had the same artist, with an unusual signature. I decided I would check on the computer for information about who this artist was.

I compiled a four page article about Neysa McMein who was the artist. It's too long for the newsletter but you can go to Beaver Chapter's web site and read this story.

~ Jeanie

June Tour: It was a bright sunny day, there were 12 Beaver Chapter members, 7 Model A's and 2 modern cars on the tour. There was 62 cars on display from Model A's to the seventies cars. There were awards for several classifications, but none given to any club members. Sorry, I have no pictures from the tour...



Beaver Chapter June 29, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 and the pledge of allegiance was led by Chris Irwin. The May minutes were approved.

The NAME TAG DRAWING was won by Bill Henderson.

TIPS: A great alternative to liquid wrench is a 50/50 mixture of ATF and acetone. David Adair said there is a Tudor in great condition priced at \$8,000. Call him for contact information.

BYLAW CHANGES – Chris called for a motion to accept the new bylaw changes that have been printed in the past newsletters. The motion passed.

4TH OF JULY BREAKFAST – A sign-up sheet was passed around. Breakfast will be served by the Board from 9:00-11:00. More details can be found in the Newsletter.

No TREASURER'S Report was given due to the absence of our Treasurer.

TOURS: Bill Henderson reported for Barbara.

Lavender Farm Tour at Bill and Mary Jabs' Farm on Saturday, June 23rd. There will be music, vendors, products, etc. Meet at 10:00 at the Oregon City Shopping Center.

Silver Creek Falls Tour hosted by Tom and Chris Irwin on July 14th. Meet at 8:30 in the parking lot of the former Top of the Hill Restaurant between Canby and Aurora. Free lunch and admission.

PAST PRESIDENTS TOUR – Richard Starkweather announced that 13 cars and 26 people are attending. Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, June 22nd.

The JULY NEWSLETTER will be delayed. Jeanie reported that members should be receiving the Newsletter in email form by July 4th.

SWAP MEET – Mike Worthington reported that revenue was "flat" this year and expenses have been growing. The City of Portland now requires a Traffic Plan which will considerably add to the expenses. The committee now meets monthly to meet the challenges for 2019.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK will now be at the VFW. More details in the Newsletter.

ANNUAL BANQUET – We need a chairperson.

SUNSHINE REPORT by Brenda Caseday – Leland Twigg recently passed away. His service will be June 23rd. Jeanie Adair sent out an email with the service information. Pete Smiley had his second kidney removed and will now be having dialyses three times a week.

HISTORIAN – Lloyd Dilbeck reported that the club has many "how to" video tapes. If you need any instructions, he offered to burn onto a CD for you. Anne Humble suggested scanning the items that we wish to be saved.

No RAFFLE tonight. MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WINNER: Darlene Dilbeck
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat Fiedler, Secretary

Gas Prices Going Up!





FOR SALE:

1929 Model A Tudor, mostly stock. Changes made include: converter to 12V, turn signals, seat belts, leak less water pump. Had a valve job less than 500 miles ago. Runs good, looks good. Chuck Scott email: Chuck.scotts.email@gmail.com

1930 Pickup, dual cowl lights, dual side mounts, six almost new Firestone tires. Bill Barlow engine rebuilt, all mechanicals sound, good brakes, complete & all original except stainless radiator shell & headlight buckets. California car, no rust ever. Driver quality paint. Needs cosmetics. Good original type upholstery, new top. If you know my attitude about A's you know this truck is as close to complete, correct & original as current parts allow, & it's ready to drive. I would not hesitate to take it across the country tomorrow. I have a complete record of expenses since I bought the truck in 2009. I am asking \$14,000 for it, but I will sell it to a Beaver Chapter member for \$13,500. If you know A's, you know this is a fair price for this truck. Ray Horton 503.333.5766

Model A stuff for sale: Very nice wishbone, perfect ball, \$45; 4 service brake rods, 1930, free; 2-1/2 Zenith 1 carbs, \$75; 1 Spanish popout repro switch w/key, \$35; 3 replacement ign. switches w/keys, \$5; 5 original dash panels, no gauges, \$8 both; Air cleaner, \$20; 3 coils, \$15; Repro Motometer on cap + misc. parts, \$75; 2 water pumps, \$10 each; Original fan blade, good cond. \$50; Good generator \$40; 7 tooth original light rod \$45; 1930 splash apron, no rust, extra hole \$10; Bent '29 repro front bumper, nice plating \$10; Original '29 radiator shell, stripped to bare metal \$75; Box of misc. engine parts (crank pulley, cam, pistons, lifters, etc.) \$35; Trans case, top, shifter, misc. gears \$25. Ray Horton 503.333.5766

Complete rebuilt distributor, modern points. Tom Irwin, irwintc@outlook.com

Ford top loader O.D. transmission & bell housing \$500. Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

Lavender Festival Tour: On the 23th of June we visited the Eagle Creek Lavender Farm. This was the third year that our hosts, Bill and Mary Jabs, have participated in the statewide annual Lavender Festival. If you missed out this year mark your calendar for next year. They have created a terrific facility well worth the short drive. Activities included, live music, impressive BBQ, and craft vendors. The star of the show was the lavender field and the products derived from it.



Bill demonstrated a prototype of the lavender harvester he has designed. The machine is Honda powered, hydraulically operated, four wheel drive, four wheel steering, and has plenty of control levers – what's not to like!

Many of us joined the club for the opportunity to enjoy our cars with other likeminded members. The club sponsors, and funds, several local tours throughout the year. This tour was an example of a member organized, non-club funded tour. If you have an idea for a tour/drive share it via the club newsletter, web calendar, or meeting announcement. You might be surprised at the number of folks who think that you have a pretty good idea.

Early Tape Measures

The first tape measures were made of either silk or linen. The fabric was dyed in an attractive and often unusual color, such as salmon pink or powder blue.

The tape measures used by home seamstresses were housed in lovely little cases, meant to be displayed on a work table. They were frequently whimsical or sentimental. The tape might be contained in a windmill, carriage, tower, lighthouse, slipper or animal. Sometimes the pull for the tape was part of the design. One example is the egg shape, with a housefly on it. The fly is the pull for the tape. Fine materials were used for these tape measures. They came in silver, gold, decorated with gems, treen, mother of pearl, ivory, porcelain and celluloid. Some of them came as part of workbox sets.



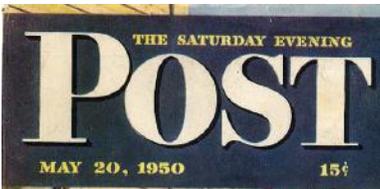
By the early 1900's tape measures were often found as advertising giveaways, with the advertisement written on the top. They were also popular commemorative and souvenir items.

The earliest tape measures contained a wire pin on the inside around which the tape was wound. These had an exterior knob for rewinding. It, too, was sometimes part of the design – such as the curly tail on a pig-shaped case which served as the knob. Somewhat later, springs were used for automatic rewinding. Be very careful with these; the springs are brittle and break easily. The fabric on the old tape measures must be handled very gently, also. The silk has often frayed with age and the linen has become discolored. Both will be very fragile.

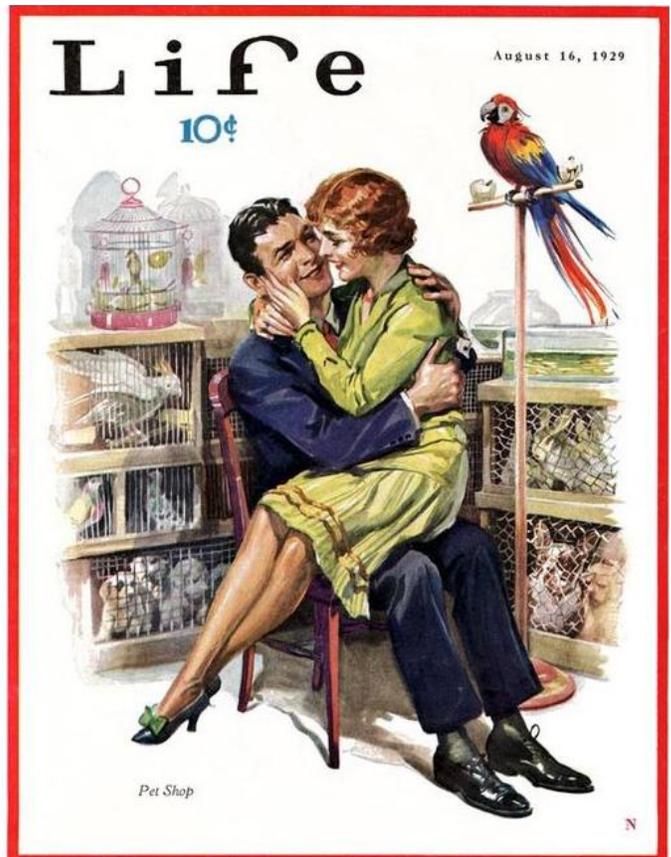
This information was from a newspaper clipping Patty Brost had with some fashion information that was passed on to me. Her note said "From *Old Stuff* Oct/Nov 2006. ~Jeanie Adair

Attention Ladies: I thought it might be interesting if you have any antique sewing item that you could bring to share with the Beaver Ladies for our "after the meeting" gathering in July. Do you have a sock darning? An old thimble? Or scissors? How about a vintage pin cushion, a sewing bird, wooden spools, sewing basket or grandma's button box? Many of these old items are not even used any more. Bring a couple items and share with us what you know about them!

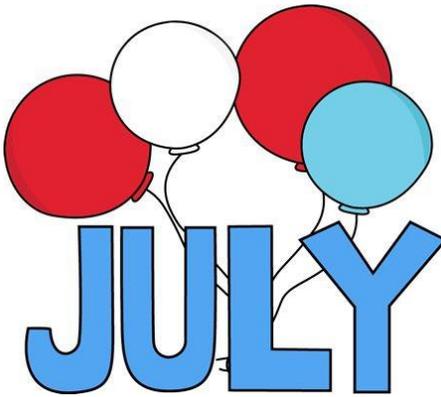
I'm always disappointed when a liar's pants don't actually catch on fire.



I thought many of you guys might relate to this old magazine cover. Thankfully many Model A's survived the abuse of some teenagers folly.



1929 *Life* magazine titled "Pet Shop"



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

4TH OF JULY BEAVER CHAPTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This will be at Schurman's again this year, 23100 NE 10th, Ridgefield, WA. We will be serving breakfast at 9AM to 11AM or until it's all gone!

Drive your Model A, bring the kids, and explore the many piles of junk - oops, I mean "treasures" that are scattered about!!



Forest Grove Concours d' Elegance Sunday, July 15th

Beaver Chapter Board Meeting Wednesday, July 18th, 6PM at the Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas OR 97015. On the same evening is the **Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting**. Social and refreshments start at 7PM, followed by the meeting at 7:30PM.

Beaver Chapter July Tour: Silver Creek Falls Tour

The Annual Silver Creek Historical Days festival will be held on Saturday, July 14th. Once again the Model A Club has been invited to attend. We will meet at the former Top of the Hill Restaurant on Hwy 99E between Canby and Aurora. Arrive by 8:30 for an 8:45am departure. We should be at Silver Creek Falls around 10:00. There will be no admission charge to us to enter the park, Model A's or modern irons, and they will also serve us lunch. New events are added each year to this event. You may also want to bring chairs. They need a count for their lunch plans. If you didn't sign up at the June meeting, contact Chris Irwin by July 6th if you are interested, 503-538-5227 or email her at irwintc@outlook.com.



Other possible summer outing in your Model A:

Amity Pancake Breakfast & Antique Car Show:

Sunday, July 22nd, 6-11:30AM. Pancakes, ham, eggs, juice & coffee. Adults \$7.

Sponsored by Amity Volunteer Firefighters.

July 28-29th **Brooks Steam Up Vehicle Show**, 7AM - 4PM, Powerland Heritage Park 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Brooks, OR. NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum.

Advice from a firecracker

Leave a little sparkle wherever you go,
Shoot for the stars,
Don't let your light fade,
Be brilliant
Have a blast
Go out with a bang!



Happy Birthday!

Bert Uthe	4 th
Richard Murk	6 th
Jim VanLente	7 th
Jim Patrick	8 th
Rayburn Mitchell	13 th
Jordon Beller	13 th
Dick Thornes	16 th
John Barmore	18 th
Diana Hudson	23 rd

In case you haven't heard...

I'm sad to report that Beaver Chapter lost a long time member - Leland Twigg passed away May 26th. There was a memorial service on June 23rd. You can send your condolences to Shirley Twigg at 2000 SE 30th Ave. G-1, Hillsboro OR 97123. Leland and Shirley haven't been active members the last couple years.