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Bill Call's 1931 Model A Postal Truck
See his story on page 10 of this newsletter.

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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.

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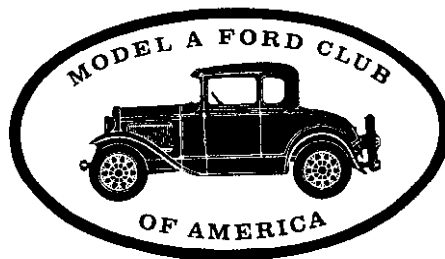
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Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. **The deadline is the weekend following the meeting unless announced otherwise.**

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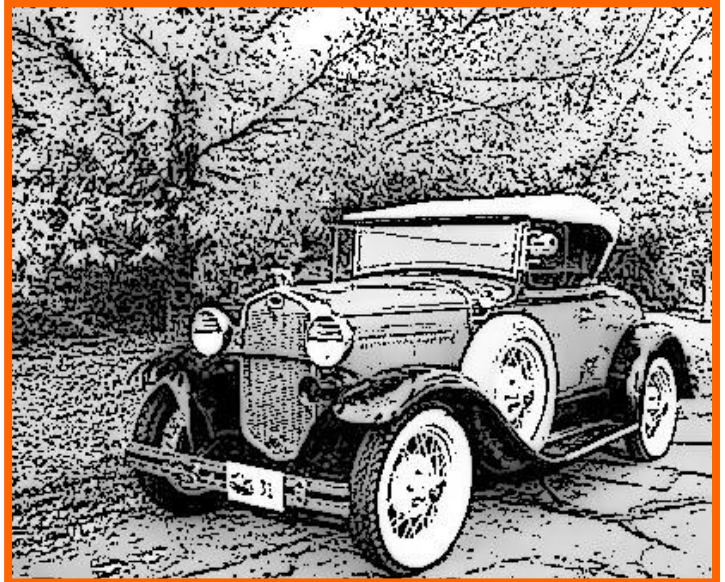
Beaver Chapter Web Site: <http://beaverchapter.shutterfly.com>

REFRESHMENT HOSTS: October Meeting - Pam McClafin;
November Meeting - It's Pie Night - everyone bring a pie to share.
Chris Irwin & Cathy Smiley in the kitchen.
No Meetings in December.



PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Wow, did we just have one of our most unusual tours! Dale Corah, who spent his career as a plumber, thought it would be interesting to take a little trip to an old underground section of Portland that was once used as a pedestrian walkway to gain access to street cars that were once used in Portland. Dale did a little side stepping in telling us how he was able to get permission to go underground but we pried open the manhole cover which gave us access to a metal ladder that led to the paved street of the underground. I would normally think that being underground would have that year round cool temperature but it actually was a little humid. We explored the couple of forks in the walkway and could view the stairs that would have led up to the above street. Only about five or six stairs were showing and above that the entrances were of course all blocked off., This was a fairly short tour but very interesting, giving us a glimpse of bygone days in downtown Portland.



Dale has been a Beaver Chapter member for nearly 45 years and this is the first tour he has ever led. I'm sure there are a number of little undiscovered places in the metro area or beyond that you would never think much about, but could turn into an exciting new venture. You never know what might peak a person's interest. Some of these tours can be done with very little planning. I believe that about six or seven members signed up for this tour but we ended up with 18 attending. I am guessing that Dale was surprised by the number of people that showed up. Put your thinking caps on and find some of these hidden treasures that could surprise us all. **Chris Irwin, President**



RUN FOR A CLUB OFFICE

Yes, it's that time of year. Members, it is time for **you** to think about making a contribution to the club by deciding to run for a board position. Becoming an officer you will greatly expand your knowledge while participating in a worthwhile activity. You cannot use the excuse that it takes too much time, that is the biggest cop out there ever has been, or the excuse that you are too _____ (fill in the blank)! All those have been used over and over. Just buckle down and decide that **you** too can help take part in one more aspect of the club. These are not demanding jobs and after a short time they become quite fun. This is an important part of Beaver Chapter and **you** should volunteer some of **your** time. ~ David Adair

Meet new
member
Kirk.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Kirk & Rene Metteer, 7617 S. Monte Cristo Road Woodburn OR 97071. Phone 503.634.2345 Emails: kirk.metteer@gmail.com (his) metteer@monitorcoop.com (hers) They have a 1931 Pickup.

Welcome back Thomas (Karl) Murphy, he has rejoined the club. 13101 NE 51st St, Vancouver, WA 98682 Phone 360.903.0430 Email: thomaskarlmurphy@gmail.com

STAINLESS CAP DENT REMOVAL

A few months ago, Ed Case gave me some old original Model A gas and radiator caps full of dents and said "hey... see what you can do with these". They all had inner shells, which made it impossible to remove the dents from the outer shell surface. The word impossible really bugs me as I feel nothing is impossible so I reviewed one of my favorite quotes "Improvise sensibly as the situation demands" (which probably came from my brother Jim who has a gift for neat quotes and story telling). I tried soaking the cap liners with Kroll penetrate for a few weeks followed by big-brute vise grips on the inner center combined with my 3 foot pipe wrench. The result was not very pretty.

OK, on to plan C (plan B was more coffee and a head call).

Dremels are neat little tools, and I had one loaded with a small cut off wheel so why not cut the inner liner at a 45° angle (without cutting the stainless too badly on the inside), take small vise grips and bend the cut part in enough to use the vise grip and a small screwdriver to work the inner liner up and out. IT WORKED! This was done on a Eaton Cap.



Then, I sand blasted the removed inner shell and inner portion of the outer shell. Where do I smack the outer shell to work the dents out?

I took a magnet retrieval tool and placed it on the outside dent, dropped a ball bearing into the cap which migrated to the center of the magnet, drew a circle around the ball bearing with a felt tip pen and this gave me a good "smack it here" area. Hey... that worked too.



On a roll now, I was able to push up all the dents, file the cap to reveal other low spots, sand with 320, 400 and 600 wet-or-dry paper and polish. I painted the inner cap with anti-rust silver and pressed it back into the outer using some Loctite blue medium strength.

Dave Westenberger – Colonial Virginia Model A Club



Before



After





1931 FALL DAY FASHIONS

The black and white wool suit is trimmed with a black velvet collar and is accented with a green blouse. This fashion page is from a September 1931 *Pictorial Review*.

The red dress is striking with the black and white trimmed collar.

The middle two-piece suit is of blue and white check wool for the jacket and solid blue wool pleated skirt, a monogrammed ascot scarf is a swagger note.

Grand for an important lunch date, this green frock shows how feminine diagonal wool has become. The wide cape-like sleeves make the waist look very slim by comparison. A scarf fills in the neckline.

The beige satin dress looks rather plain at first glance but really has interesting diagonal cutting on the sleeve, front neckline and the lower edge of the skirt. The neckline is finished with an interesting tricolor trim, these colors are effectively repeated on the belt, bag and hat.

You may have notice how different all the hats are compared to the earlier era styles of cloche and wide brim hats – remember this would be towards the end of the Model A era. Also look at the gloves that four of the models are wearing, they are called gauntlet style gloves. ~ Jeanie Adair



The latest MAFCA Fashion Article is on the website. It's written by Rosie Cassou who is a new member on the Era Fashion Committee. Her article is titled "Using Beads to Enhance Era Fashions" and it gives you good information about bead history and what kind of beads were used in fashions during the Model A era. Pictured here are two of her examples of beadwork from her article. The lovely peach colored dress has beadwork all over the top of the dress. The other is a sample of mixed beadwork.



Old witch Mary,
quite CONTRARY,
How does
your garden
grow?
With
moss
and slime,
and poisonous vine,
and toadstools
all in a row.

Beaver Chapter Model A Board Meeting September 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chris Irwin at 6:00. Present: Chris Irwin, Jeanie Adair, Dale and Pat Fiedler, Barbara Henderson, Mike Popiel, Ted Downs, Richard Starkweather and Ron Forehand. Guests: Bonnie Starkweather, Bill Henderson and Mike Worthington. The August minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Ron Forehand): We moved some CD's to Edward Jones where we will be receiving a higher return.

TOURS (Barbara Henderson) The Underground Tour was well attended with 18 people and was very interesting and enjoyed by all. A Progressive Dinner is being planned for Oct. 13th. Barbara needs tour leaders for the Progressive Dinner. There was a motion to allow the reimbursement of gas expense should a tour leader request it. The motion passed.

SWAP MEET (Mike Worthington): We have received our final check for our participation at the 2018 Swap Meet. Mike discussed the challenges facing the future of the Swap Meet.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK (Barbara Henderson): We need a chairperson for the Christmas Potluck. Lori will be out of town and unable to chair this year.

CLUB BANQUET (Pat Fiedler): The Banquet will be at the Monarch Hotel on Sat. January 26, 2019 from 6:00-10:00. We have hired an Elvis Impersonator and a 50's band. The committee is: Chair: Pat Fiedler; Decorations: Brenda Caseday with help from Dixie Wyllie; Program and Flyer: Jeanie Adair; Attendance Recorder: Eileen Ross; Entertainment: Pat Fiedler; MC: Chris Irwin

DONATIONS: Tonight is the deadline for Donation Suggestions.

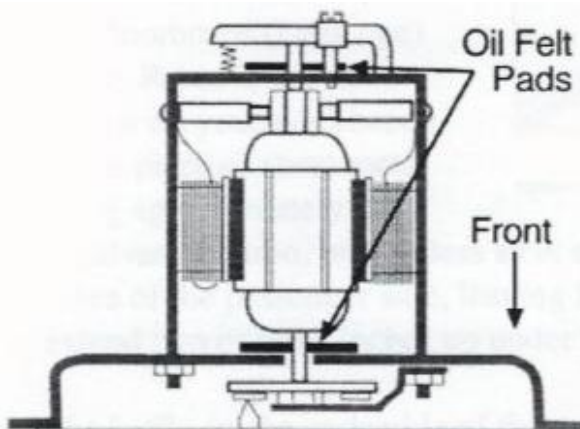
BOARD POSITIONS: Everyone is returning to the Board except Dale Fiedler (Membership) and Pat Fiedler (Secretary). Richard Starkweather will be seeking nominations for these two open positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler, Secretary

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 drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two time 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*

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder 'Instruction Manual'.

colored leaves
SWEATERS
scarves
hot chocolate
bonfires
BOOTS
crisp air
halloween
PUMPKIN EVERYTHING
CORN MAZES
hayrides
CUDDLING UNDER BLANKETS
thanksgiving

BEAVER CHAPTER SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chris Irwin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Goldson. The August minutes were approved.

NEW MEMBERS were introduced. Kirk & Rene Metteer; 7617 S. Monte Cristo Road; Woodburn, OR 97071. Phone: 503-634-

2345. Emails: kirk.metteer@gmail.com (His) metteer@monitorcoop.com (Hers). Car: 1931 Pickup. Thomas (Karl) Murphy has returned to the club. Address: 13101 NE 51st Street; Vancouver, WA 98682; Phone: 360-903-0430. Email: thomaskarlmurphy@gmail.com No Car.

THANK YOU. Andrew and JoAnn Jackman brought refreshments. Ted Downs brought beverages. Penny and Michael Haight brought their car to the West Gresham event.

NAME TAG WINNER: Bruce Goldson

TREASURER'S REPORT given by Ron Forehand.

TOURS: Barbara Henderson reported that 18 people attended the Underground Tunnel Tour and it was enjoyed by all. The PAST PRESIDENT'S TOUR to Hood River is Sept. 21 – 23rd. Richard Starkweather reported that there are nine cars going. LACEY LADY TOUR led by Mike Worthington is Sat., Sept. 22nd. Meet at 9:00 at the Oregon City Shopping Center. PROGRESSIVE OCTOBER FEAST is Oct. 13th. More details in Newsletter. PUMPKIN PATCH TOUR to Leopold's Farm in Boring Oregon on October 20th. More details in Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: Bruce Goldson won the membership Drawing.

NEWSLETTER: Jeanie Adair asked if you don't receive the newsletter, please contact her.

FREE ITEMS: Jeanie Adair placed some of Patty Brost's historic items on the back table. Please help yourself.

SWAP MEET: Debbie Dutton presented the Club with a check from the Swap Meet.

SUNSHINE (Brenda Caseday): We sent flowers to Pete Smiley Funeral 9/15/18 - Hopefully some of you got to be in attendance for this. We are sending flowers to Mary Wohlgemuth for her 100th birthday that is this Sunday 9/23/18. Our club has been invited to her party. The Announcement was in the last Ahoooga news. We sent a card to Mary Corah who broke her arm recently. Diana Hudson is having chemotherapy - card was sent. Reported this evening: Adeane Patrick was admitted and had a "surprise" appendectomy - It is recommended that we send a card or email as she needs a few days before receiving phone calls and she is still in the hospital.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK – Someone is needed to chair the Christmas Potluck. Please contact Barbara Henderson if you are interested.

MILEAGE AWARD – J Wyllie is doing the Mileage Award this year. Submit your total mileage for the year to him. The winner will be announced at the Annual Banquet in January.

PHOTO CONTEST: Lyn McDonald will collect the photos for this years photo contest. They are due to Lyn by November 30th, and displayed at the Christmas Potluck where you vote for one favorite. The winner will be announced at the January Banquet.

DONATION IDEAS deadline is tonight. Please give your suggestions to Ted Downs.

MYSTERY MEMBER was Marlynne Pugsley. Barbara Henderson won.

MYSTERY PART (TOOL) was won by Lynn Humble

RAFFLE: Lori Symank conducted the raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Fiedler, Secretary

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way;
but never forget the blessings that come each day.

Underground Tunnel Tour -

On September 8th Dale Corah and Gary Dexter led some brave club members to view the tunnel system on Swan Island.

This was a great tour that no one had ever been on before!



It was a fine day for a tour.

There were five Model A's out and a few modern irons with eighteen people.

Pumpkin Patch Tour

Saturday, October 20th, meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center for a 9:30AM departure. We will tour to the Liepold Pumpkin Patch in Boring. Maps will be provided. There are many things going on such as a corn maze, hayride, kids pavilion, pumpkin pult; cost \$8. A food vendor will be available, \$12 adults, \$8 children. Gene Scott is tour leader so call him if you have any questions 503.537.9176.



If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it.
If you don't ask, the answer is always no.
If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.

Happy...
FALL...
y'all



Since mail trucks are featured in this newsletter, here is another U.S. Mail 1931 Model A truck that is displayed at the MAFFI Museum at the Gilmore Museum. The Adair's and Pugsley's recently returned from visiting the Gilmore Museum and also Henry Ford's Museum and Greenfield Village near Detroit, Michigan. If these car related museums are on your bucket list, you really should go see them! They were all fantastic!!

Top 10 Things I Learned Driving A Model A For A Year

I recently came across an article about a guy named Jonathan Klinger who embarked on a yearlong journey of driving a stock 1930 Ford Model A Tudor sedan as his only source of personal transportation with no exception for distance or weather. Why? Because not everything a person owns should contain a computer. Here is what he learned spending a year driving an 80-year-old car that tops out at 50 mph and has none of the modern amenities we take for granted in modern vehicles:

1. If you take care of it, it will take care of you.
2. Life is far more interesting when you take the back roads.
3. Modern brakes are amazing.
4. Don't over think it.
5. Humans are far more adaptable than we think.
6. Everyone has a story.
7. Don't honk, just smile and wave.
8. Classic cars are the greatest equalizer.
9. Old cars keep people young.
10. It isn't just about the final destination; it is about the journey itself and the people you meet along the way.

You can find his full story on his 365 day blog here: 365daysofa.com



Bill Call's Post Office Truck

Bill Call grew up with Model A Fords – he was almost two years old when Henry Ford started selling his new car. When he was fourteen years old, Bill was able to buy a Model A of his own. He wasn't old enough to drive it legally, but he and his brother, Bob, who was two years older, made a deal. Bill parted with \$125 out of his berry money, and they bought a 1930 Model A Sport Coupe with about 25,000 miles on it. (The photo right is the only one left of the car and a friend of Bills, it was taken on SE Hawthorn in Portland, Oregon.)

The car needed a new canvas top, and the boys took care of it. After that, Bill recalls, they ditched the 19" wire wheels (that had fairly new tires) and swapped on some 16" wheels that put the Model A a little closer to the ground. They thought car looked good that way, and it didn't matter to them that the new tires had hardly any tread. Bill says his dad was fairly annoyed with the two of them.

Then they got a can of paint and a couple of brushes and painted the Model A bright yellow.



For probably a year, the two boys enjoyed their car, but everything changed in December of 1941, when the United States entered World War II. Gas and tires were rationed. Bob joined the Coast Guard. Bill left school and worked on the docks at the truck terminal in SE Portland. He enlisted in the Marines on his 18th birthday, and then re-enlisted when the Korean conflict broke out. Bill no longer recalls what became of the Model A.

After Korea, Bill went back to work as a trucker. Eventually he and his wife, Dolores, purchased a small trucking company, built it into a major West Coast power in the industry, then sold it and retired. "Retirement" was an excuse to get serious about collecting cars, and Bill remembered how much, as a boy, he had been impressed by Model A Ford Post Office trucks.

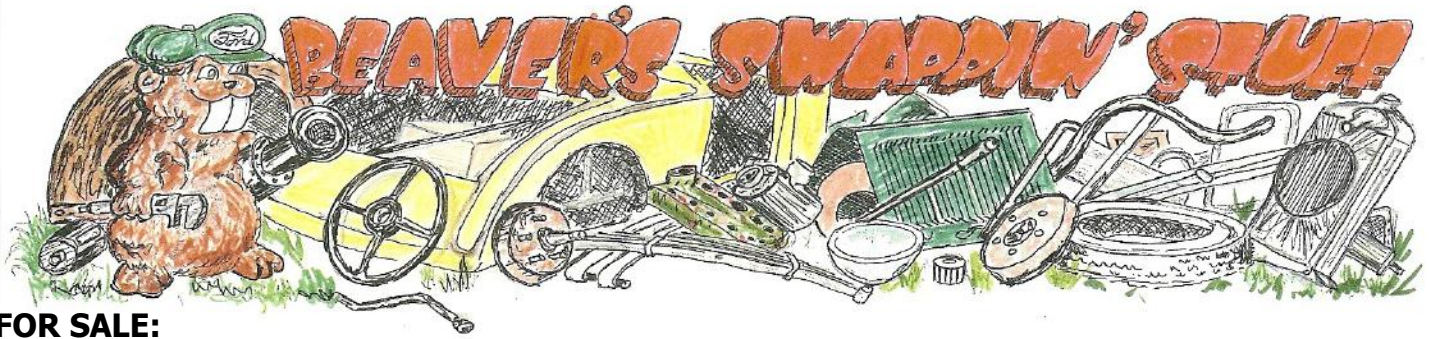
It's hard to imagine a more difficult Ford to find. There weren't many Post Office trucks in the first place. The bodies weren't intended to last forever, and like most trucks, they were worked like rented mules until they were used up. Bill looked for literally years before he found a Post Office truck worth parking at Bill's Place, the mini-museum where he still keeps office hours.

This 1931 Model A came with plenty of history. One thousand post office vehicles were produced on the 1931 Model A chassis. Seventeen are known to exist today. This truck was built in late 1931, and the body was installed by Mifflinburg Body Company in Mifflinburg, PA, on March 1, 1932. It was sent to the Dallas, Texas Post Office, where it was used until 1954. It was sold at auction, used by an independent rural postal delivery for two years, and then sat unused until 1991.



Number 11649 was restored between 1991 and 1994, including a complete mechanical rebuild as well as a new body made to the original Post Office drawings. Since then, the truck has been through the hands of several owners. It was shown and toured extensively, including the High Country Tour in Colorado, where it drove over three mountain passes above the altitude of 11,000 feet, and it even spent some time on display in The Imperial Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nowadays, #11649 lives in the collection at Bill's Place. With the aid of some Photoshop magic, we "parked" the truck on the green in front of the Callville Post Office, in one of Bill's murals.



FOR SALE:

Ford top loader 4sp O.D. transmission with AA bell housing \$500; Used 1930-31 Model A fenders, running boards & kick aprons & various parts for sale. Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

1929 Model A Coupe with rumble seat, recent valve job. Lynn Humble 503.349.2023

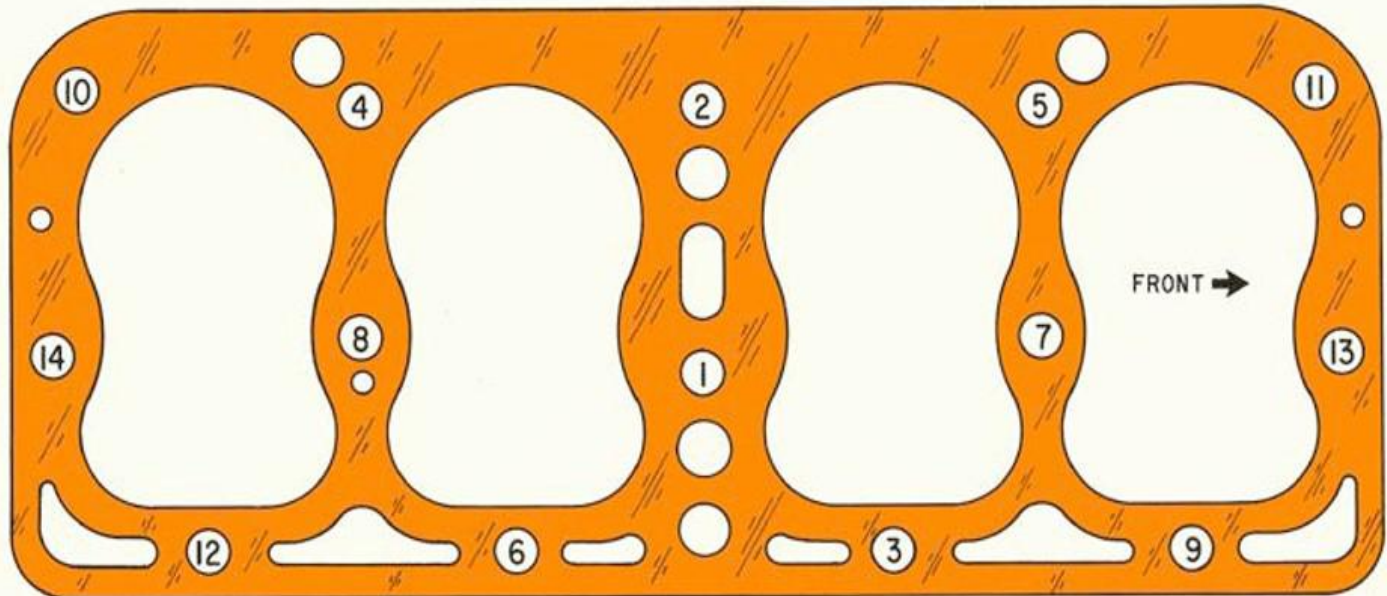
5 yards long mohair upholstery fabric \$300. Glenn Slack 503.723.7995

5 Kelsey Hayes wire wheels, runs true, sand blasted & powder coated black \$1,500. Ed Schroeder 503.655.4311

WANTED:

Left front fender weldable patch panel 4x12" above running board edge. Rich Simpson 503.267.6678

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE TIGHTENING CYLINDER HEAD NUTS ON THE MODEL A FORD



Beginning at cylinder head bolt #1 and moving in numerical sequence to bolt #2, then #3, etc., tighten nuts to final full torque of 50 foot-pounds by following the five steps listed below.

(Note - High compression heads torque to 65 foot pounds)

☐ Step 1. One-third of full torque. ☐ Step 2. Two-thirds of full torque. ☐ Step 3. Full torque (50 foot-pounds). ☐ Step 4. Full torque in reverse sequence. ☐ Step 5. Full torque after engine warm-up.

Source: *How to Restore Your Model A Volume 1* - published by the Model A Ford Club of America

Leadership is not a position or title, it is action and example.

October Happenings

October Progressive Feast Tour Saturday, October 13th

Meet at the Milwaukie Senior Center at 10AM, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Park, Milwaukie, 97222, at the Rose Garden, left side of park. This tour is hosted by three lovely ladies, Dixie Wyllie, Pam McClafin and Pat Fiedler. We'll start with finger food at the Rose Garden, then drive to Dixie's for salad, then off to Pam's for the main course and end at Pat's for dessert. Lots of driving, good food and Beaver Chapter members. Mark your calendar and sign up so we know how many to prepare for. Bring chairs.

Barbara Henderson, Tour Director

Food

Torder

Ford



Wednesday, October 17th, **Beaver Chapter Board Meeting** 6PM, at 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.

Pumpkin Patch Tour Sat. October 20th 9:30 departure time from the Oregon City Shopping Center. See page 8 for more details.

BEAVER CHAPTER PHOTO CONTEST RULES



Members photos only - no professional or photoshopped photos. Your original photos must include at least one or more Beaver Chapter Model A's, which may or may not include people. All photos need to be 8x10 with your name on the back. Due by Nov. 30th.

Mail or hand them to Lyn McDonald at the meeting. Lyn's address is:
975 SW Perfecta Ave.
Beaverton, OR 97005.

The pictures will be displayed at the Christmas Potluck, where you vote for your favorite one. Then the \$100 prize will be announced at the January banquet.



Here is another Postal Model A from the internet - it's a 1929.



Ed Schroeder	1 st
David Adair	6 th
David Phillips	21 st
David Caseday	21 st
Paula Benham	23 rd
Thomas Spence	24 th

You are getting some bonus pages this month since there have been so many tours going on - and its only fair to include them all. You're special, the snail mail people won't have them!



Past President's Tour

Another great Past Presidents' Tour took seventeen club members to Hood River for two days and two nights of food, fun and fellowship. Weather was iffy, but we avoided the showers. Saturday's tour was a short version of Hood River's Fruit Loop, where members found fresh fruit, fabulous views, and amazing donuts. Saturday's dinner was at 3 Rivers Grill, one of the best restaurants in Hood River.

We started with six Model A's and three modern irons, but Richard Starkweather's coupe with the new engine got overheated on the climb over Mt. Hood, so he had to return home and come back in a modern. Ray Horton's coupe had recalcitrant points which required readjustment periodically. Otherwise no troubles. Fun tour! ~ Ray Horton



The Lacey Lady Tour



On September 22 we held our International Model A Ford event - a visit to the workshop of the Lacey Lady. We enjoyed good friends, a nice drive, an interesting tour destination, and surprisingly good weather.

For almost seven decades this B-17 bomber known as the Lacey Lady set on a pedestal above Art Lacey's gas station in Milwaukie Oregon. Many of us noticed that it has been absent from its historical perch, but were uncertain of its fate. Today the Lacey Lady resides in a hangar at the Salem airport undergoing a complete flight worthy restoration. Of the over 12,000 B-17's built only 47 remain worldwide. Of this small group of survivors only the Lacey Lady, and the Desert Rat in Illinois, are privately owned. As we saw, the restorer volunteers have undertaken an incredibly challenging restoration task, but they have a plan, and seem to be making steady progress. The restoration hangar is open to the public and they would welcome a visit from you. ~Mike Worthington



Mike led a fantastic tour, taking the backroads.

We stopped for lunch on the way home at the Marquam Inn which was a great way to end the tour.

