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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 at 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 a check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send directly to the Membership Coordinator Jennie Ryan at 28104 NE 72nd Ave. Battleground WA 98604.

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

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Portland Swap Meet Reps: Mike Worthington and Leonard Dutton

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday:

Refreshments: Debbie Dutton

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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 mail to 2222 Matterhorn Ct. West Linn OR 97068. **The newsletter deadline** is the Sunday following the club meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy St. Patrick's Day

One good thing about it being March is that Spring is right around the corner. Fingers crossed. So that is our clue to get those Model A's ready to drive. Thank you to everyone that has signed up for leading a tour this year. We have a tour for every month except March and November. Any ideas? Also thank you to everyone that signed up for Swap Meet duty. I really appreciate all of you..

For those of you who did not attend the last General Meeting, Jennie handed out the new Directory. If you want one you need to notify



Jennie Ryan or better yet come to the next meeting and get one.

Rayburn is still looking for people to man the Beaver Chapter Model A booth at the Swap Meet. If you have a duty please donate an hour or two before or after your duty.

I hope to see you all at the Swap Meet and hope for good weather

Respectfully,

Debbie Dutton

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Gail Gombos Rina Uthe 1st Randy Dailey 3rd

Norma Reece 6th Judy Dyck 7th Dick Nelson 9th Dale Corah 10th

Shannon Orlando 13th Greg Edwards 19th Gayna Flake 23rd

Patrick La Pointe 26th Dave Hawbecker 28th

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Debbie Dutton. The minutes of the January meeting were corrected to read Renee Metteer had the winning tire ticket and she won first prize of \$600. This was incorrectly reported that Kirk Metteer had won this prize. Dale Corah introduced his daughter as his guest and announced that she is now his official chauffeur to club meetings as he is no longer comfortable driving at night. Blake Turner reported he was driving a 1962 Erabant a 26hp air cooled 2 cycle engine that was made in the Russian sector of Berlin.

Treasurer Report: Mike made a power point presentation of the 2025 budget and he announced this would only take seven minutes. He explained the by-laws have two requirements. Last year's budget be shown and this years budget be presented. He broke down revenue into four categories; membership dues, raffle/drawings, interest/dividends and swap meet. Expenses were also listed in four categories; club meeting costs, social functions, tour related costs and Beaver Chapter operations. He then showed us a very detailed budget and then went on to explain that for members that did not understand figures he also made pie charts for both income and expenses. Kirk Metteer made a motion to accept the 2025 budget and this was seconded by Renee Metteer.

Swap Meet Report: Mike Worthington reported that all forty-four club duties have been filled and that duty packets would be handed out at our March meeting. Aleta Worthy is in charge of the information booth and she needs volunteers to help man the booth. This does not count as swap meet duty. If you help man our club booth you will receive a free parking pass. Swap meet chairman Dave Van Winkel died about a week and a half ago and Debbie Dutton will be the interim chairman. Hall C spaces are not selling well due to the fact it is cold in hall C because the doors are open. The swap meet is making this space available for club members to display their car. Cars on display must have less than 1/4 tank of gas and the battery disconnected or utilize a kill switch. Cars should be in hall C on Thursday and can be driven out on Sunday.

Club Booth: Linn Sondenaa (substituting for Rayburn Mitchell. Rayburn needs volunteers to man the booth and to bring cookies and snacks.

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday reports Tom Atiyeh fell at his home and fractured his neck. Steven Fancher had a pacemaker installed.

Tours: Dave Caseday reported there will be no February tour and that March, October, and November are still open. The N. W. Regional group will have a hub meet at Long Beach Sept 21-27. Kirk is leading a tour to Monitor in April which will feature a fireman's breakfast and tour after. Aleta Worthy reports that she is leading a tour to Corbett on June 7 also for a fireman's breakfast.

Mileage Award: Tom Winterrowd gave this years' mileage award to Roger Green who drove an A 4,203 miles. His name will go on the trophy and he will keep it for one year.

Name Tag Drawing: Dale Corah won the drawing and he said this was the first time in fifty years of being a club member that he has ever won anything.

50-50drawing was won by Dailey Holman and he won \$59.00

Membership: Jennie Ryan announced roster/directories are available. Then she drew number 44 which happened to be Dale Corah so it was his second raffle win in ten minutes.

Respectively submitted by David Adair Secretary

Beaver Chapter Board Meeting

February 19, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Debbie Dutton. Board Members present were Mike Worthington, Dave Caseday, Jennie Ryan, Leonard Dutton, Ron Baird, Dave Hawbecker, and David Adair. Guest was Jeanie Adair.

Mintes of the January meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer’s Report: Mike Worthington reported that club by-laws require the treasurer to do two things. First last years’ treasurer must present an annual report and second the current treasurer is required to present a new budget. Mike satisfied both of these requirements. He divided revenue into four categories which are membership dues, interest/dividends, raffles/drawings and swap meet. Expenses were also listed in four categories; club meeting costs, social functions, tour related costs and Beaver Chapter operations. He gave each board member a copy of the proposed budget and this was also illustrated with pie charts for both income and expenses. Mike explained the 2024 expenses were below budget because Brenda Caseday spent club money like it was her own and saved the club hundreds of dollars on the annual banquet and potluck. Ron Baird made a motion to accept the budget and Dave Hawbecker seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

Swap Meet: Mike reported this year’s meet planning is mostly on track. This year tickets will cost \$13.00 of which we must give Metro \$1.00 for each ticket sold. A sad note is that long time swap chairman Dave Van Winkel died a week and a half ago. Debbie Dutton is the interim chairman. Hall C has a very low space rental rate because the large doors must remain open and the hall is cold. The committee is proposing that each club be allowed to display their cars from Thursday until Sunday afternoon. Cars must have 1/4 tank of gas or less and the battery must be disconnected or a kill switch be able to turn off the current.

Tours: Dave Caseday Reported no tour is planned for February and March, October, and November are open. All other months have at least one tour planned. Chris Irwin will conduct the Past Presidents’ Tour in September.

Membership: Jennie Ryan has completed this years Roster/directory and will hand these out at the club meeting.

Ahooga News: Editor Dave Hawbecker wants more articles from club members. About eight members are still not receiving copies of the Ahooga News by email.

New Business: Blue Mountain A’s asked that we purchase a \$246 pedal car for raffle prize at the 2026 national meet. After some discussion we decided to not buy a pedal car but to continue to donate a wool lap robe from the Pendleton Woolen Mills.

Kent Uhl moved the meeting adjourn, this was seconded by Dave Caseday and we adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectively submitted by David Adair Secretary

FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

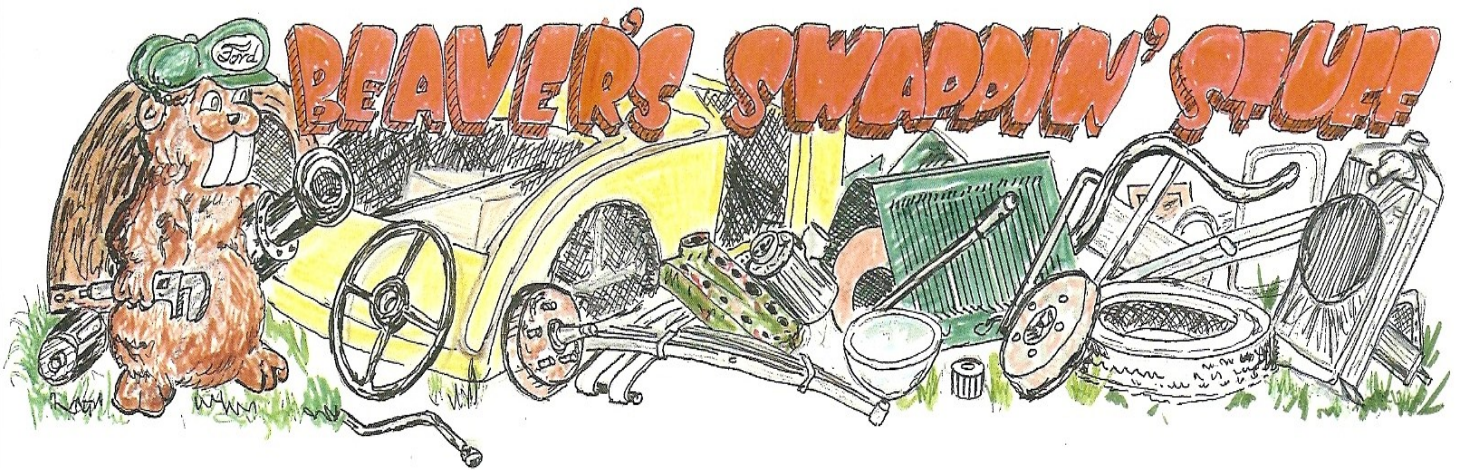
March 5th at Miller’s Homestead

1733 SW McEwan Rd. Tigard

NORTHWEST REGIONAL GROUP HUB TOUR

Long Beach, Washington

Registration information: <https://volcanoas.net/index.html>



FOR SALE: 1928 Tudor, Borg Warner overdrive, new cast iron brake. \$13,000. Mike Blick. Battle Ground Washington. (360) 687-5241.

FOR SALE: 1931 radiator shell ready to bolt on your car. \$350. 30/31 flying quail radiator cap (new) \$100. Lynn Sondenaa (503) 781-9741 or lynnsond@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE: Numerous Model T, A, and early V8 Ford parts. Ed Schroeder (503) 655-4311.

WANTED: Front seat for 1929 Model A. Terry Worthey (503) 381-3888.

This month's issue of Secrets of Speed featured 20 YEARS of BUILDING AND COLLECTING by our Tim Brost. The article shows his collection of Roadsters, Pickups with several B engines with R2P heads, Crager Heads, Model T with T-GO OHV, and an aluminum R4P head plus others. Quite a collection.

He also wrote about the 'HARVEST DIRT DRAGS' out of Dayton OH which I attended last year. Info for "North Palm Speed Harvest" is online for this summer's event. It was very enjoyable last year. You might also see Bill Jabs and Tim participating.

Tom Irwin

MONITOR FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST & TOUR

Sunday, April 27

Meet at Canby Fred Meyer at 8:00 am



French Design

Illustrated here is a 1928 black and white print dress by the designer Lelong.

It is pretty typical for the year with its long sleeves, drop waistline and a double layer on the skirt. The scoop neckline is a little different - so many were V necklines. The very wide swath about the hips and large bow is also a bit different.

The brown coat might be either a wool or velvet wrap style. It has a wide trim of white fox fur on the cuffs, hemline, and about the neck opening, possibly extending to the hemline. The weight of this coat would make it a wonderful garment to wear.

Fashion Details By Jeanie Adair

PCV Valve for a Model A



I recently reviewed an article in Model A Times from 2013 concerning a crankcase ventilation system as a way for gases to escape in a controlled manner from the crankcase.

All cars from 1964 are equipped with a PCV system. They were first used in WWII. The PCV system reduces the pressure on the crankcase and also pressure on the rear main seal (oil leaks). This allows a much cleaner engine and much longer engine life.

Gary Bartman gave several seminars on this topic last year. The new Wagner PCV unit demonstrated by Gary is a much advanced unit. It is an adjustable PCV valve with great results. Recently with help from Gary I installed the unit in my 1929 Fordor on Burtz engine. (photos above). Bill Jabs is also installing one on his Model A.

Tom Irwin

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2023 Portland Swap Meet – The Inside Scoop

During my recent visit to each of the clubs I was asked many questions about last year's swap meet. The most common concern was whether the Swap Meet would be profitable going forward. I would like to have responded "absolutely!" The truth is less certain, so my answer was generally to list several reasons why we think that it will continue to be successful. The Swap Meet is a business – **your business** – with several areas of uncertainty. We try to plan for unlikely events, but as you know not everything follows a planned script.

Your Swap Meet Committee began preparing for the 2025 Swap Meet several months ago. What is the Swap Meet committee, and who are its members? The committee is the core planning group of about one hundred volunteers drawn from the six sponsoring car clubs. These are the folks who arrange for: the building, the buses, rent fences, contract for port-a-pots, print the program, obtain traffic plan approval, provide security, mail vendor packets, provide duty packets, layout the vendor spaces, and the list goes on. Basically, they do all the things that allow us to open the gates to vendors and customers.

Most of us think that the Swap Meet starts on Thursday with the vendor move-in. The Swap Meet really gets started on Tuesday with committee move in, and venue preparation. It is a big job to complete the layout of vendor stalls in each of the buildings, and the outside lots. Without this dedicated group, vendors would not know where to locate their stalls, and the Thursday move-in would not turn out well. Many vendors know the process, what gate to enter, where to go, and what needs to get done – and many do not. That is where the club duty volunteers come in. We are there to provide directions, answer questions, and keep the process moving forward. This is not glamorous, but absolutely required, and amazing to watch!

Leonard and I will have the Beaver Chapter 2025 Swap Meet duty packets at the March meeting. Thank you for your participation and support. Our duty roster is currently full, but it is likely that we will need to re-fill a duty spot prior to the event as life seems to interfere with our plans from time to time. If you missed getting a duty spot this year and would like to support the Swap Meet, please contact Aleta Worthey at 503.367.9027. She needs help staffing the information booth. We have set aside space in Hall C for club members to display their cars this Year. If you are interested, please send me an e-mail or phone me.

Thank you,

Mike Worthington, 503.502.0440



REFRESHMENTS

March—Cody Watts

April—Gary Bartman

Kirk's Burtz Engine Project



I ordered the Burtz Engine November 20, 2024 and it arrived December 17, 2024. The builders in this story are Cody Watts and Kirk Metteer. What you are about to read is the cleaned up version, you know, all the expletives removed!

Cody Watts and Kirk Metteer worked at building a Burtz Engine. The instructions say a professional builder should be able to build a Burtz Engine in about 3 days. Maybe so. The two of us have at least twice that many work days and still have some to go. Due to the variety of options as to how the Burtz Engine is to be built, a lot of decisions have to be made up front, such as parts ordered and gathered to start the project. Then, as you get into the project, you find items and decisions that you didn't think about. To, you have to stop, order some more items and continue on after they arrive. Our project is nearing completion. When completed the engine will be run on the test stand (hopefully it runs), and afterwards, will be installed for actual use.....FINALLY!

What a project! I hope to have it in service for the 2025 tour season.

Enjoy the process when you do yours!

First Wednesday Breakfast

March 5 9:00 am

Miller's Homestead

17933 SW McEwan Rd, Tigard