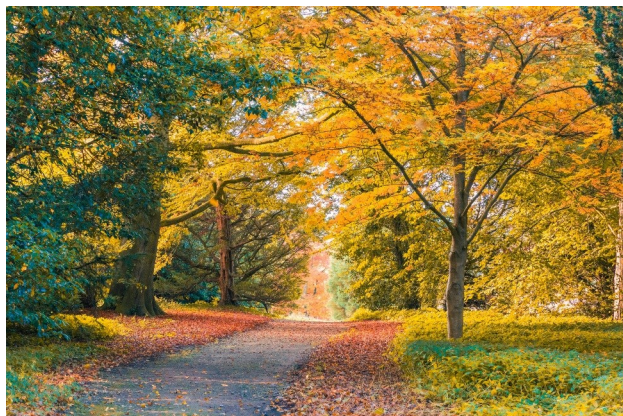


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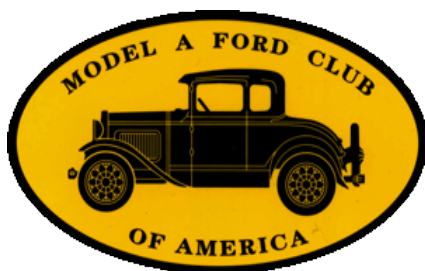
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Kirk Metteer's 1931 Pickup

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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 vol-

unteer 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](mailto:noe2912@comcast.net) or 2222 Matterhorn Ct West Linn OR 97068. The newsletter deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I can't believe it is already September. We definitely have had a busy and full summer with the Model As. I think it has been great. Our club has grown by many new members with five in August alone. We also have lost a couple and they will remain in our memories and hearts forever.

Everyone might want to keep in mind that while the weather is still good to get those photographs of your Model A for the photo contest. The winner will be chosen at the Christmas potluck with the winning picture on the cover of the 2024 roster.



Dave Hawbecker said at the meeting he is looking for some special interest stories for the Ahooga News. I'm sure this club has many stories they can send him.

Tom Irwin is also wanting to start up the John Ruter Mileage Award again. He has had the trophy in his possession for a long time mainly because he won it for so many years. We can do this two ways. One is to add up your miles for this past year. Or guesstimate. We can announce it at the Christmas potluck. Or, we can add the miles up to April 30 and announce it at the Spring banquet. I will discuss it at the September meeting, so give it some thought. The next big tour is the Past President's tour. Lynn always does a great job on this. I hope to see everyone there. Mike Worthington will be doing the Swap Meet presentation at the September meeting and the long awaited question will be answered. How much money are we getting? Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you all soon.

Respectfully,

Debbie Dutton

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

James Bliss 4th	Charles Newcomer 7th
Darlene Dilbeck 12th	Jack Dusenberry 22nd
Ken Proffitt 24th	Rich Simpson 28th
Ron Forehand 30th	



## Beaver Chapter General Meeting for August 16, 2023

**Call to order:** President Debbie Dutton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with 44 members in attendance. Debbie Dutton led the flag salute.

(The club Swap Meet replaced the August Board Meeting)

**Debbie Dutton** welcomed the members and asked if any guests or new members were present. Don Worthy and Michelle Copus are new members and own a number of interesting antique cars. They have a 1928 Model A Roadster that they hope to get running. Butch and Cindee Carson own a 1929 Model A Sedan.

**Minutes Approval:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as they were printed in the Ahooga Newsletter. The motion was voted on and passed.

**Tour Report:** Michael Haight reported that everyone had a wonderful time on Tom Winterrowd's tour along the Clackamas River on Saturday, August 12, 2023. Debbie Dutton noted that it was the first time all vehicles on the tour were Model A Ford cars. Daily Holman will sponsor a group to participate in the Cuttsforth's Cruise In and Car Show in Canby, Oregon on August 26, 2023. On August 27, 2023, Chris and Tom Irwin will lead a tour to Scenic Valley Farms and Winery near St. Paul, Oregon. On September 16, 2023, Michael Haight will lead a tour to commemorate International Model A Day. See Newsletter for details. During the month of October there will be several tours. Check out the schedule in the Newsletter or call Michael Haight for details.

**Past Presidents Tour:** Debbie Dutton reported that Lynn Sondenaa would have handouts and information for the tour at our September General Meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Mike Worthington reported that all bills were paid and funds are available for the Past Presidents Tour.

**Swap Report:** Mike Worthington reported that the Swap Meet Committee is planning to meet with all the clubs who are stakeholders in the success of the Swap Meet sometime in September. They continue to work toward more transparency.

**Jacket Report:** Chris Irwin asked those who ordered jackets to pick them up at the front table before they leave.

**Sunshine Report:** Brenda Caseday reported that Bob Jones has passed away. She has sent a card. We will be notified of the place and time for his memorial service. Joanne Jackman has lung cancer.

**Editors Report:** David Hawbecker asked the membership to send him human interest stories about their cars. This could be the history of a car, a happening that was interesting to the car or while you were driving the car, or a repair you have made to the car with a beginning and ending.

**Name Tag Drawing:** The winner was Penny Haight.

**Membership Report:** Jennie Ryan reported that we have three new memberships, Butch and Cindee Carson, Donald Worthy and Michelle Copus and Tracy and Aleta Worthy.

**Membership Drawing:** The person was not present.

**50/50 Drawing:** Ron Le Vine was the winner.

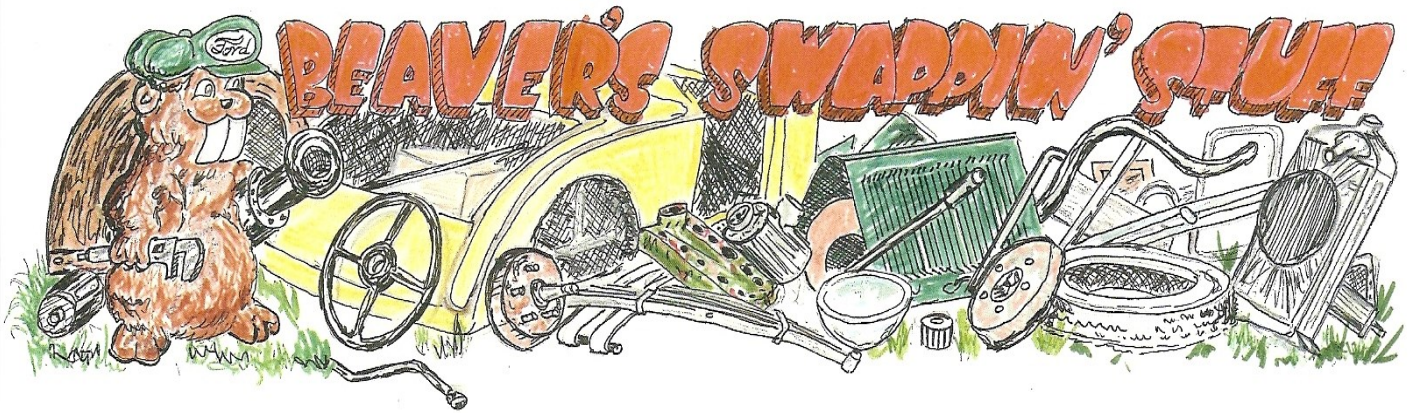
**Seminar by David Adair:** David stated that he has owned the same Model A Ford for 65 years. He also shared some good and bad tips about the care of a Model A Ford differential. There was not a seminar this evening.

**Refreshments:** Debbie and Leonard Dutton provided the refreshments and Ted Downs provided the drinks.

**New Business:** Pam McClafin: Pam shared that she found two old leather tool pouches when she was helping Terry clean his shop. She brought them to give to anyone who wants them. She shared about the project car that Terry purchased. It came to them in pieces and they are having a good time trying to find the parts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary



**FOR SALE:** 1930 Pickup. Jay Clemson. 12585 SE 199th Drive, Damascus OR 97089. (503) 784-9219.

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Town Sedan. Murray body, rebuilt carb, distributor, gas gauge. Garaged since 1981. California car. Clear title. Asking \$7000 obo. Gene Scott (503) 367-9676

**WANTED:** 31 AA Wheels. Quantity 2. Jarrod Wickham (360) 721-4430.

**WANTED:** A "1911" Oregon License Plate in any condition and reasonable price. Call Jerry Dyck in Canby OR: (503) 266-4111.

**WANTED:** Cowl Lights. Ron Baird (503) 502-9485

**GOT:** 29 years of Restorer Magazines. Gary at 666-1691



### JOHN RUETER MILEAGE AWARD

The club has had a revolving trophy for the member that drives the most miles in their Model A in the prior year. This award will be given at the Christmas banquet. Turn mileage in to Tom Irwin by the first of December.

## TOUR SCHEDULE—2023

**September 16—International Model A Day—Michael Haight**

**September 22nd thru 24th—Past President's Tour—Lynn Sondenna**

**October 21—Sauvie Island—Michael Haight**

**November - Garage Day Tour—David Adair**

**December - Christmas Potluck**



Bob Moore and his Beagle in his Model A Roadster

Join us for a short tour along Willamette Drive and into Milwaukee for lunch at Bob's Red Mill. International Ford Model A day is September 16, 2023. We will tour Mary S. Young Park, see glimpses of the Willamette River, cross the new Sellwood Bridge and meander into Milwaukee, Oregon. Meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center at 10am. We will depart at 10:15am.

## INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

### REFRESHMENTS

September—Chris Irwin

October—Tom and Jennie Ryan

November—Pie Night





## MABS FASHIONS

FROM JUNE 1930

This is an Australian fashion page that I found on the web. I'm not sure if it's a magazine or pattern catalog,

The bold print dress in the center is a simple sleeveless, scooped neck affair with a nice flared skirt. The sleeves of the bolero repeat the flare of the skirt. It finishes with a self-fabric belt that ties in the back.

The white dress and the green dress are actually the same pattern. It's amazing how different they look when finished with other accessories. The self belt defines the natural waistline, but two other horizontal lines are created above the waistline and low on the hipline. The skirt finishes with two groups of pleats on the skirt front. A jacket is also included with the pattern.

Don't forget to check out the hats. Included is a turban, a wide brim and a coordinating fabric hat.

~Jeanie Adair

## Highway 224 Tour and Tour of the Riverside Fire

On Saturday, August 12th Eight Model A's drove over 100 miles on a very scenic and fascinating drive. This entire canyon was devastated by wildfire three years ago and after years of clearing and cleaning the public is being allowed to return. Drive Em...Tom Winterrowd



## ONE MAN'S STORY OF A VEHICLE RESTORATION

By Tom Winterrowd

(printed with permission from Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum)

In 1972 Jim Rowen bought a farmer's worn out 1929 Model A AA ton and a half stake bed truck for \$250 (that is a Model A on a AA chassis. In truck nerd talk that's: 82-A Budd Mfg. closed cab; 88 Platform (Bed) Midland Mfg.; 188-A stake rack; AA131 and half inch Ford wheelbase chassis. Like all restorations it involves three phases: 1. Vision; 2. Collecting vehicle and parts; 3. Sorting: restoration, fitting, mechanical integration between systems. (Most difficult, most skill, most dollars).

His goal was to "drive a truck like the "Walton's drove." Jim brought to this process a commitment to complete the project, quality/originality and experience of driving, restoring and maintaining a 1929 closed cab pickup acquired in 1962. His Model A club complemented his commitment. As a professional truck driver he always wanted a Model A AA.

The two trucks were similar. Same paint, front fenders, Budd cab, engine, front end and 3sp tranny. Relatively easy for parts and restoration. The challenges were a larger chassis requiring two men to move; the scarcity of truck parts in 1972; rare, low-production parts like fender shrouds, running boards and splash aprons and rear fenders only built for this truck.

His original fenders were not rebuildable. A pair was located in Long Beach CA and happily acquired at the \$900 asking price. The biggest restoration expense was the body man who was experienced in lead restoration. He beautifully recreated the base sill along the cab cowl and lower portions of the doors along with other body work chores. All lead filled.

His restoration commitment was tested in the 1980's when he had to rent a two-car garage just to restore and store the truck, plus waiting months for the body man to work on rusted out door bottoms. He acquired hard white oak for the stake bed and painted the chassis gloss black finding out later the factory color was satin or flat black and discovered he installed incorrect stakes.

The decision was made to tear down the truck a second time to correct errors of the paint, stakes, correct mirrors etc. He showed a real commitment to correctness and originality.

He was asked, Jim, would you do it all over today?"

"NO," boomed his answer., citing the costs, parts scarcity, body work and tradespeople costs, as well as the energy the project took. Another 'down to earth' answer from Jim.

Thank you Jim for your 20 years of "blood, sweat and tears" on this classic.

WHEATLAND FERRY TOUR—EARNST 28 PHAETON, BARNETT 30 CABRIOLET, IRWIN 30 ROADSTER



## SCENIC VALLEY FARM AND WINERY TOUR—AUGUST 27th

For those of you that missed the August tour, you missed a great informative talk on the process of a hop harvest. This was the main focus of our tour to Scenic Valley Farm and Winery. Our knowledgeable host for this tour was Bob Zielinski, farmer and owner of several thousand acres of about nine different crops in the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon. This is a family owned and operated working farm. Stuff happens when you are a farmer. Our original plan was to view the actual harvest of the hop crop, with each of the procedures in full swing. Bob found out the night before that the crew would not be working on the Sunday of our visit. He was so apologetic for not being able to show the working process but as it turned out we probably got a better education on the hop process. For starters, when all of the machinery is running it is very noisy so we did not have to break into groups to tour the hop shed. Bob was able to design this processing shed, so he did a few innovative changes to eliminate most of the injury hazards that you would find in other hop sheds and also a unique drying process that would more efficiently dry the hops with limited man power and probably zero waste. We were able to go through the hop drop floor, up the stairs to the cat walk to see where the canes are dropped into a separator where the hop cone is pulled from the vine and the waste eliminated and ground up and put back into other crop fields to enrich the soil. Onto the drying process, down to see the gigantic fans that blow up into the drying box and then the baling of the hops into 100 pound blocks.

We then got back into our cars for about a quarter mile drive to the winery and the beautiful tasting/museum room. Bob was very generous and allowed us all to have a complementary wine tasting along with an appetizer plate. Having had some of his wines in the past, I know they are really tasty. I guess a lot of our members thought so also as many took home bottles of their favorites home with them. With a glass of wine in hand, we headed across the parking lot to tour the winery. This farm does the whole process, growing the grapes, picking the clusters at peak time, doing the crush, making the wine, aging and getting ready for shipping. Some of these wines are shipped to Washington and California but most of the wine goes to the east coast. Of course this year's crop is not ready to be picked yet so not much happening in the wine process but again we got a good education on the process.

Bob is a very busy guy on the farm and in the community so we are very grateful for the time he took out of his hectic schedule to host our club. He is also a member of our Beaver Chapter. He owns a beautiful 1930 Model A Sport Coup and a newly remodeled 1915 Model T. Kirk Metteer has spent the last couple of years on this project with engine help from Tom Irwin and wood help from Stan Symank. He also had a display of some vintage tractors, of special interest to some of our farmer members, and a balcony of vintage family heirlooms.



SCENIC VALLEY FARM AND WINERY TOUR (cont'd) Processing Hops (below)



**SCENIC VALLEY TOUR (cont'd) Baling Hops and lunch at THE HARVESTER**



## CUTSFORTH' S CAR SHOW—CANBY AUGUST 26th

Dean Boring, Tom Atiyeh and Daily Holman represented the Model A club at the 2023 Cutsforth's Canby Cruise-in. Tom Atiyeh won the "Best of the Best" award with his beautiful 1931 Panel Delivery. Tom Winterrowd also attended with his French "model A" Citroen.



## **A MODEL A WORK PARTY**

Thursday, August 31st, was a big Model A event within the membership of Beaver Chapter. Last Sunday during the club tour Pam and Terry finalized getting volunteers to help setting the body of her late '31 S/W town Sedan on the chassis. The body is freshly painted, Chicle Drab and Copra Drab, and it looks great.

The recruits showed up at 10 AM ready to work. Three 2 x 4's were place cross wise under the body and in no time at all the six of us had lifted the body, walked it forward and set it onto the chassis. Just as the body was set down, Art Pugsley arrived with three more men from Vancouver. But not to worry, there was plenty left to do.

In no time at all the doors and hinge pins appeared and like magic the doors were hung. With two or three men per door, there were no chips or scratches in the paint. Then radiator support rods were installed and the hood was set onto the chassis. Next we decided the body had to be bolted to the frame. Again there were enough of us to do the job.

Twelve of us working on the car was not too many. The shop was large enough that we were not tripping over each other. And we were all able to pitch in and do a little. Plus there was always a hand to hold a bolt inside the body when these were tightened.

Then it was time for lunch. Pam prepared a lunch with hearty soup, homemade sourdough bread, fresh garden grown tomatoes, beverages, followed by huge vanilla ice cream sundaes with home-made berry topping. M'mm good! Boy oh boy this lunch was a treat.

After lunch Terry decided the remaining work was best done by just one or two so the crew was allowed to leave. But that is not all, there were fringe benefits from getting this many Model A'ers together. David was able to get three men to volunteer to remove the bed from his pickup so that he can make a minor repair to the frame. Tom Ryan was also able to get a volunteer to help drill and tap his flywheel and install a Helicoil. A bolt was stripped when the final torque was applied to the bolt holding the fly wheel to the crankshaft. We will meet with him and help correct this situation. All in all this was a great work party and I'm proud that I was asked to help.

Pam and Terry's helpers were: Arnie Jeffords, Randy Daily, Ted Downs, Cody Watts, Kent Uhl, David Adair, Art Pugsley, Tom Ryan, Mike Blick, and Roger Green. All great Model A'ers!

By David Adair