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Submitted by Jennie Ryan

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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 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 and submit signed membership application to Membership Coordinator at the meetings. Bylaws Article III, Section 2 states: "Membership in the national club (Model A Ford Club of America) still 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 90631-5315

#### **CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026**

President: Kent Uhl: 503.970.3758

Vice President:

Secretary: David Adair: 503.828.6214

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#### **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2026**

NW Regional Group Rep: Roger Green

Portland Swap Meet Reps: Mike Worthington and Leonard Dutton

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday

Refreshments: Debbie Dutton

MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin

Beaver Chapter Webmaster: Pamela McClaflin. **Web Site: <http://beaverchapterford.org>**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A few members mentioned they didn't realize we were going to have a March until the last minute. Usually tour details, meeting times and places are available in the newsletter, and also in the club calendar on our website. This is sent out near the end of the month. Unfortunately, we hadn't finalized the tour info by the time our newsletter went out in March. We'll definitely try to do better next time. Huge thanks to Michael for stepping up and organizing a last-minute event!



Our first tour of the year was a huge success! We didn't have any roadside seminars and everyone stayed together. It all happened because we all cleaned our rear-view mirrors, so no one was left behind. A big shout-out to Michael and Penny Haight for leading this lovely drive, starting from the Oregon City Shopping Center along the tour route we visited two interesting classic car dealers, Matthews Memory Lane Motors and Affordable Classics. After that, we had lunch at Stanley's corner.

On April 26th, Kirk and Rene' will be leading our tour. We'll meet at the Canby Fred Meyer parking lot near the garden center at 8:00 for an 8:30 departure. Breakfast is at the Monitor Fire Volunteer Department to enjoy their annual fundraiser. After we have eaten, we are hoping to go to the Aurora airport to see a historic aircraft undergoing restoration.

Our March breakfast at IHOP in Oregon City was well attended. The food was delicious and the service was excellent. On April 1st, we will be at Millers Homestead, located at 17933 SW McEwan Rd, Tigard. Our May breakfast will be at Stanley's Corner, situated at 19905 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Gladstone.

Happy Motoring,

Kent

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### Updated 2026 Membership Directory

Not all members were included in the initial printing of this year's directory. This unfortunate error was not detected until after distribution began. This error has been corrected, booklets have been reprinted, and the corrected booklets are now available. Members attending the March meeting received their copies. Please destroy your initial copy and obtain the updated version. The newer directory has "Corrected Version 17 Feb 2026" printed inside the front cover. I apologize for this oversight and the inconvenience caused to members. Mike Worthington

## BEAVER CHAPTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Kent Uhl. He also led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests Jason and Alex Sample were introduced. The Samples own a 1930 Town Sedan, a 1917 Model T Ambulance and two WWII Jeeps.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed. Tom and Chris Irwin announced this was their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Mike Worthington and Bruce DeFore went over the details of our job assignments and changes in the Swap Meet layout. Our club has 39 duty assignments. Duty packets are available on the back table. Mike went over directions to the EXPO Center. It is better to exit I-5 on Marine Drive to get to the Swap Meet. This route is faster than the PIR exit.

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday reported that Mary McConnell had successful open heart surgery. Dave Caseday fell in October and broke two ribs and found out he now needs a hip replacement.

Club Banquet: Brenda Caseday gave a preview of the club banquet. This will be on May 2 at 2:00 p.m. at 26450 SE Rugg Road, Damascus 97089. This year's banquet is \$40.00 per person and green T-shirts are \$6:50 each. Pay Brenda as soon as you can. Checks are payable to Beaver Chapter. Remember if you pulled Swap Meet duty your dinner is free and the T-shirt is free. You will have to pay in advance just to make sure the head count comes out. When you come to dinner your check or cash will be returned.

March Tour: Michael Haight will lead a tour to Memory Lane Motors. Meet at the N. Oregon City Shopping Center for a 9:00 a.m. departure.

April Tour: Meet at Canby Fred Meyer (East end) 8:00 a.m. for 8:30 departure. Kirk Metteer will lead a tour to the Monitor Volunteer Fire Department fund raiser breakfast. Breakfast is \$7:00 (but it would be nice to pay \$10.00 DCA note). After breakfast Kirk is trying to confirm a trip to the Aurora Airport and view a historic airplane restoration. If the hanger trip cannot come together he will have a back up tour.

Work Party: David Adair and Mike Worthington will have a distributor rebuild work party to insure those attending will have a spare distributor for their car. This will be Saturday April 18th at Bill Jabs' shop and will start at 9:00 a.m.

Past Presidents' Tour: Debbie Dutton has 15 signed up to go to Pendleton. There will probably be two groups, one driving on I-84 and other keeping off the freeway and using secondary routes.

Hospitality Room MAFCA Meet Pendleton: Roger Green is asking for volunteers to help man the room.

Club basket for Raffle Room: We still need parts for our basket.

Raffles and Drawings: Name Tag, Kirk Metteer. Membership: Richard Murk who was absent and lost. 50-50 Raffle David Adair won \$78.50.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted by David Adair, Secretary

## BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kent Uhl.

Members present: Chad Worthington, Ron Baird, Dave Hawbecker, Mike Worthington, Debbie Dutton and David Adair.

Guests: Anita Uhl, Jeanie Adair and Leonard Dutton

Kent announced that since there has been no interest in the club computer or projector and these have been advertised for two months they will go to Good Will.

Old Business: A board review of the club's email list did not happen because Jessica Acosta was absent.

The membership roster is on the club website and requires a password for the webmaster to access. Mike's concern is we do not know how our club information is backed up. We should be able to review and define our system. We need to know how it is backed up and how this information can be passed on to future membership chairs. There needs to be at least two members who know how to access our computer information. This is a basic program issue. Mike reports the club duty list is complete and the Swap Meet packets are ready to be handed out. The 2025 taxes are complete and our club is registered with MAFCA.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Adair, Secretary



Michael Haight christening Corey and Jessica's 1930 Tudor on March 21st



### March Breakfast

Submitted by Ted Downs



**Let's celebrate!**  
**60 years!**



**PORTLAND AUTO SWAP MEET**  
**AT THE PORTLAND EXPO CENTER**  
**APRIL 10-12, 2026**



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 ALL MAKES AND MODELS  
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 AUTOMOBILIA  
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 FRIDAY 7AM - 6PM  
 SATURDAY 7AM - 5PM  
 SUNDAY 8AM - 1PM

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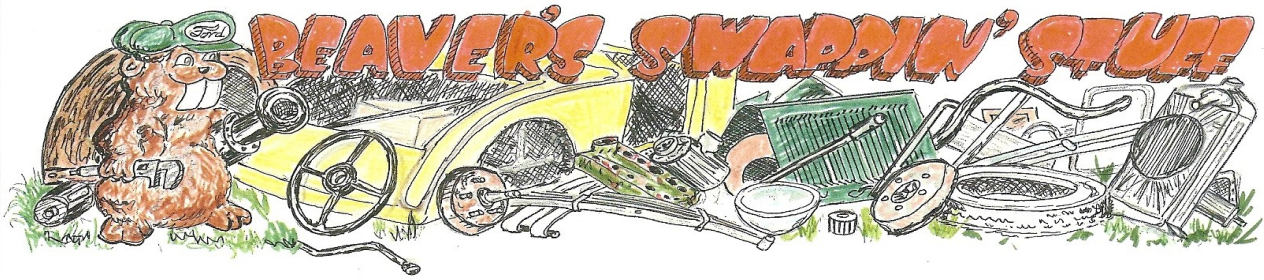
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Presented By Six Antique Car Clubs





**FOR SALE:** 1928 Transmission, '31 Bumper, '29 to '31 head lights, tail lights, heads, foot peddle bracket, radiator and gas tank filter. Ed Schroeder 503-655-4311.

**FOR SALE:** Model B engine long block with counter balanced crankshaft. History unknown, but everything moves as it should. \$1000. Bill Jabs 971-235-3804.

Tom and Jennie Ryan getting ready for Pendleton



## **DISTRIBUTOR WORK PARTY**

WHERE: Bill Jabs Shop, 27525 SE Starr Road, Eagle Creek

WHEN: Saturday, April 19th

TIME: Start at 9:00 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Our goal is that each participant has a rebuilt spare distributor ready to time the engine of his Model A.

You need to bring: A rebuildable distributor cleaned, painted and ready to be rebuilt. You will also need a new upper shaft, new wire to connect the upper and lower plate, examine the rest of the parts, examine the rest of the parts. It is okay to reuse many of the old parts. Or if you are extra fussy, go ahead and buy all new replacements. I think it would be good if you would bring your own hand tools. At least a couple flat blade screwdrivers, a small one to fit the 8-32 screws and a large one for the cam screw. Side cutters, a small hammer and 1/16" pin punch. Remember the goal is to have a rebuilt distributor to carry as a spare.

We, David Adair, Bill Jabs and Mike Worthington will provide: four work stations with table and chairs. A heavy duty table with an arbor press and bushing guides. There will be a couple of soldering irons, solder and flux. A work station with a dial indicator to check cams. And lastly a station to check your final assembly.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Eagle Creek Saloon. After lunch we will return and finish up.

Lastly, Gary Bartman will check and also show you how to check condensers.



## **APRIL TOURS**

1. Saturday, April 18th, 9:00 a.m.—Distributor Build Workshop at Bill Jabs shop. Organized by David Adair—503-828-6214.
2. Saturday, April 26th—Monitor Fireman's Breakfast. Meet at 8:00 a.m. and leave at 8:30 from Canby Fred Meyer next to Garden Center. Organized by Kirk Metteer—503-910-4900.

## **PAST PRESIDENT'S TOUR TO PENDLETON MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026**

Time is closing in fast and the planning continues.

On Sunday we will be touring to Pendleton in 2 separate groups. Leonard and I will be leading a group up I84 and Lynn Sondenaar will be leading a group up over Hwy 35 off of Mt Hood. Lynn will submit a write up about that trip. My group will be meeting at the Troutdale Outlet mall parking lot right by the I84 on ramp. We will meet at 7:00 AM and depart at 7:30 AM sharp. We will have rest stop and gas opportunities, and will stop in Boardman for lunch, in my opinion the best hamburgers and milkshakes around. Please contact me and make sure you are on my list if you are touring with us. I don't want to leave anyone behind.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER**

I found a place for our Tuesday night dinner, recommended by the Adairs. It is 20 miles North of Pendleton in Weston Ore. We went to several restaurants in Pendleton and it was very clear that was not going to work for us. I have a list of people that said they were interested. I need to confirm with everyone and collect a \$25 deposit and if you show up to the dinner you will have your money returned. We will meet at the Oxford Suites parking lot at 5:00 PM and depart at 5:15. These confirmations are very important so I have an accurate head count. I am making the cut off date May 1, 2026

Any questions or concerns please call me at 503-706-4843

Thank you,

Debbie Dutton

### **ALTERNATE ROUTE TO PENDLETON NATIONALS**

Debbie is offering to lead a tour to the Nationals from Troutdale to Pendleton via Interstate 84. If you are going to trailer your Model A this is a great route. If you are driving your Model A you might enjoy a slower paced and scenic route. Lynn Sondenaar will be leading a tour from Hoodland, Welches, Wemmie area. These names are all in about the same area. We will meet in the parking lot behind the Union 76 gas station. Meet and leave times are coming later. Our group will go Hwy. 28 to Hwy. 35 to the Dufur cutoff road. Then to Dufur and Hwy. 197 to The Dalles. We will have lunch and a fuel stop in the The Dalles. From The Dalles we will take SR-14 to Plymouth, then onto Umatilla. If this is of interest to you call me (503-781-9741) or sign up at the April meeting. I will also be leading a tour home on Sunday after the Nationals. It will be back roads on the Oregon side.

### **ANNUAL MODEL A BANQUET**

Saturday, May 2nd @ 2 p.m.

Cedarbrook Lodge 26450 SE Rugg Rd. Damascus OR 97089

## GAS TANK NECK EXTENSION

By Lynn Sondenaa



I have always filled gasoline into my Model A with a PVC coupler, but recently I purchased an aluminum gas tank extension. These extensions were designed by our own club member Andrew Jackman. I think that is special. His extension is designed to support the vapor recovery rubber nozzle so it does not need holding or an additional locking tool like motorcycles use. It is also designed so the gas pump nozzle does not damage the Model A fuel gauge. On the 30/31 models there are two feet that lock into the rings that hold the gas cap tight. This provides a secure mount that won't fall off. It also has a knurled section so the extension is not slippery. These work extremely well. Contact Andrew to purchase one of these extensions. His contact information is in our club directory.

### APRIL

Anne Humble and Dan Higgins 3rd  
Mike Popiel 5th Joyce Murk 6th  
Mary Profitt 8th Peppi McDonald 10th  
Tom Winterrowd 17th



### BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Robinson 18th  
Chuck Lawrence and LeRoy Naffin 21st  
Kathy Lehto and Jan Jones 26th  
Tanya Johns and Barbara Whitworth 28th

## BEAVER CHAPTER MARCH 2026 MODEL A TOUR

The March tour found us on Willamette Drive headed for Lake Oswego and the Sellwood area. It was a perfect day to view the flowers. We saw cherry and plum blossoms decorating yards and roadways. We enjoyed camellias, daffodils and azaleas. The drive up Terwilliger Blvd. was uphill and gave our Model A cars a good workout. From there, we looped around and crossed the relatively new Sellwood bridge.

We followed 13th Street in Sellwood. It is lined with all kinds of small eateries and shops. Here we found the joyful smiles on the faces of people out for a walk. They were showing their kids our cars and waving. They made our day! We all agreed that we need to do more of this.

Bybee Street was our destination. It took us past Reed College and into another beautiful old Portland neighborhood and dropped us at Holgate where we found Mathew's Memory Lane Car Dealership. What fun was had wandering around and looking at the cars of our younger days. There were the late 30's Fords with their duel carburetors, Dodges, Chevrolets and even a pickup. We marveled at the muscle cars like Cameros and GTO's.

Our next stop was Affordable Classic Cars on McLoughlin Blvd. What fun we had there. The staff cleared a place for us to park our cars right out in their lot that faces McLoughlin Blvd. They looked beautiful and brought in customers to enjoy them. The showroom was full of interesting memorabilia. We discovered that both dealerships had about the same prices on their cars.

Lunch was at Stanley's Corner, a place, we discovered. Ted Downs would have recommended if he had been asked. Lunch was full of smiles and shared lives. It was a pleasure to learn more about one another. Our cars ran well except for Mike Haight's car which lost the clip to his brake rod before we left the starting line. The problem was quickly solved when Corey Acosta found the clip and Mike put it back on.

Penny Haight

