

# The Ahoooga News

**2022**

## **THE NEW FORD CONVERTIBLE CABRIOLET**

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magazine  
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Ford had in the  
Model A era.  
This one is from  
August 1929.



The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, Portland Oregon  
Volume 60, Issue 6  
Still celebrating our 60th Anniversary

## 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.

**Beaver Chapter Membership** commences on January 1<sup>st</sup> or the date paid and expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 110<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2022

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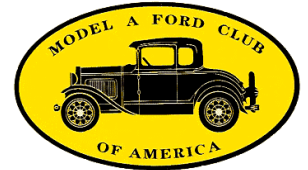
### CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2022

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Tom Winterrowd;  
Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton;  
Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Refreshments: Mary McConnell;  
MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin; Beaver Chapter Webmaster:  
Richard Starkweather. **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: jadadaja@msn.com or mail to 895 Hazelwood Dr. Oregon City, OR 97045. The newsletter deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.

### Currently Scheduled Tours for the year...

**June 18th**, Anne Humble leader - see page 12  
**July 18th** Mosier Tunnel Tour, preregistration required & limited number, contact Lynn Sondenaa for details.  
**August 20th** Dahlia Tour, leader David Adair  
**September 10th** Kirk & Rene Metteer leaders to WAAAM in Hood River  
**September 23-25th** Past President's Tour by Lynn Sondenaa  
**October 22** Michael Haight is planning the tour - save the date.  
**November 19th** Famous Garage Tour, leader David Adair. Glimpse into the Model A's home, where it sleeps and prepares for it's next journey.  
**If you want to lead a tour to some great place more can be added!**  
Tour Chairman, Tom Winterrowd  
Drive 'em!



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gary Myers	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lori Symank	4 <sup>th</sup>
Jeanie Adair	5 <sup>th</sup>
Yvonne Boring	5 <sup>th</sup>
Toni Moore	6 <sup>th</sup>
Bonnie Starkweather	7 <sup>th</sup>
Marlin Binder	7 <sup>th</sup>
David Kratochvil	7 <sup>th</sup>
Amanda Uthe	7 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Slack	10 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Murphy	10 <sup>th</sup>
Dale Witkowski	12 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Witkowski	12 <sup>th</sup>
Ed Saldana	13 <sup>th</sup>
Mary McConnell	13 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Fancher	18 <sup>th</sup>
Lynn Sondenaa	20 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Stevenson	21 <sup>st</sup>
Robert Jones	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ray McNamee	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lyn McDonald	25 <sup>th</sup>

### REFRESHMENT HOST

**JUNE:** Rene Metteer

**JULY:** Lynn Sondenaa



## President's Column

I am writing this column on the day of our 60th Anniversary Banquet. I want to let all of you know how privileged and honored I am to be your President during this milestone event. Today we got "Bob" out and got him all cleaned up and ready to drive to the event. Thank goodness the weather is absolutely beautiful. I never realized how much I miss these days that we can get out and enjoy our passion of the old cars. I am really looking forward to hearing some of the stories of past years. Good ones and not so good ones. Thank goodness they have done away with



the "Bucket of bolts". The only thing that I am not too happy about is that Leonard only fits in the car if the top is down so if I look a little windblown tonight, it's his fault!

I also want to thank Pam McClafflin, Rene Metteer, Jeanie Adair and the entire banquet committee for stepping up and putting on this event.

I also want to thank everyone that offered their condolences over the loss of our daughter. It was a huge help knowing how many great people have our backs in such a difficult time.

Just want you to also know that I will not be at the June Model A meeting because of family obligations in Eastern Oregon. So your very capable Vice President Tom Winterrowd will be leading the meeting.

One more plea, the refreshment sign up sheet is still missing a name for September. Please call Mary McConnell and fill that spot. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Debbie Dutton

## PONDERISMS

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from? Why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny go?

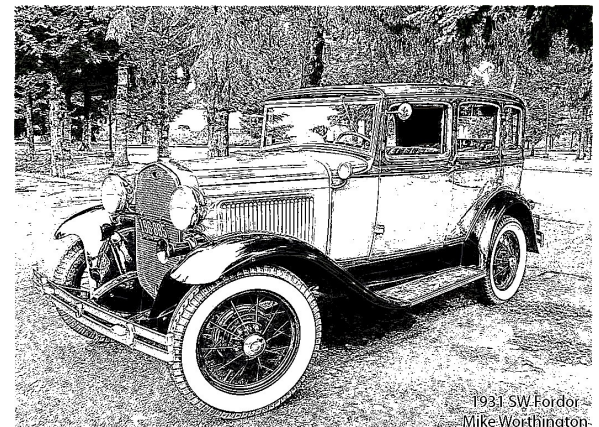
I use to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes...

What disease did "cured ham" actually have?



Sometimes these old cars just quit running! That's what happened to Vincent Dunn's Model A while we traveled to the May Tour. Sadly we left him at the side of the road as he waited for AAA...

Haven't we all been there!



He often drives an A to the meetings  
He has a friendly way of greetings  
His A, oh alas  
It runs out of gas  
And that for him, was rather defeating!



# DNA of a Model A

*His father was a Lincoln, his mother a Model T  
from father he got hubris, from his mother humility*

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The Model A was also known as the Baby Lincoln. One of the stories told when the Model A was introduced was that a Model A owner was driving along a stretch of highway approaching a Lincoln from the rear. The Lincoln, feeling challenged, sped up. The Model A pursued and finally caught the Lincoln. As the A pulled even with the Lincoln the Model A driver yelled over, "Can you tell me how to get this thing outta second gear?"

When the highly productive Model T reached menopause and reproduction slowed to almost becoming barren it was time to find a more fertile product. The spawning establishment in the Ford plant retooled the facilities for the conception of a bridge between their 'high cotton' product and their plebeian model.

Thus the Model A claimed self-worth and quality on one side of the DNA structure and took the common man's persona on the other. In the socio-economic world the new automobile could claim ancestry from the elite as well as the masses. With the initial popularity of the Model A came a sense of entitlement which led to false pride. While its automobile cousins were changing in style, becoming more flashy with chrome and design, the A continued to offer limited changes with the misguided idea that 'what's right is right', my way or the highway.

The Model As Lincoln's paternal contemporaries, the Packards, LaSalles, Duesenbergs, Cords, Auburns and others, eventually pulled into the slow lane and, finally, the exit ramp. The A's peers, the Chevrolets, Dodges, and Pontiacs stayed the course. And, they remain a competitive force.

As the initial limelight faded the A had to catch up with its contemporaries. It was akin to wearing a maxi-skirt and changing into a mini-skirt when everyone else had gone to knee high midi-skirts. The A jumped to a Model B, going from four to eight cylinders without thoroughly testing the fit. It was as if alterations were being made in the backseat while going to the dance as the A tried to keep up with style and engineering.

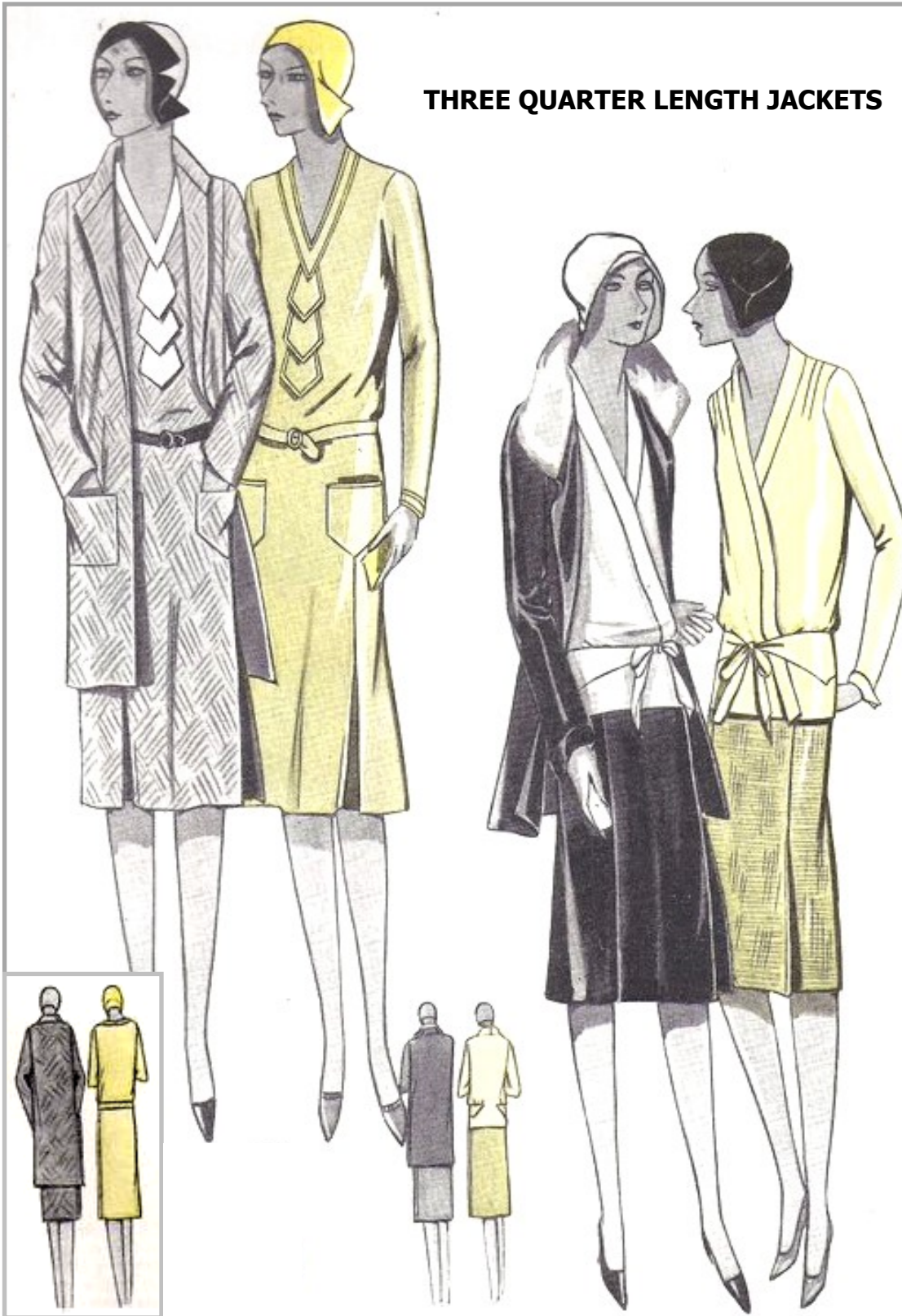
The longevity of the Model A may be viewed in the precept of Nature versus Nurture whereas nature would be the Lincoln/Model T genes and Nurture the individual owners' care of their beloved Model A. Thus, the genetics of the Model A, with a Lincoln father and a Tin Lizzie mother, have proved enduring. It is said that lasting to old age is as much genetic as it is life style. If you consider the care we give our A's as the equivalent to life style and the assembly, the DNA, of the Model A based on the genetics between the Lincoln and the Model T, you certainly have evidence of a winner in the Model A, age 90, and still with us. Let's continue to nurture them.

- Lester Foote, Marin A's

Saturday, June 4th is an opportunity to be part of a static display of our Model A's at the Sarah Helmick State Park just south of Monmouth. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day as we share our cars for this historic event from 9AM - 2PM. Let Kirk know if you will attend 503.910.4900.



## THREE QUARTER LENGTH JACKETS



These ensembles feature three quarter length jackets from November 1929.

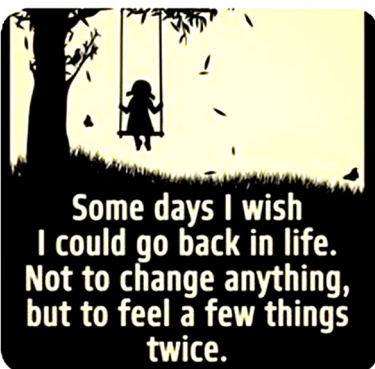
A three petal jabot forms a smart V neckline on a tailored frock on the left. It's self fabric belt rests just below the natural waistline. Patch pocket and two front kick pleats finish the dress. The jacket is simple in lines with a stand up collar.

The second ensemble is three pieces - a coat and skirt of the same fabric and a separate blouse. The coat sports a fur collar. The skirt has kick pleats. The blouse is the typical V neckline that overlaps toward the side and ends with a dropped waist bow tie.

Notice the back versions on both of the examples that the skirts are straight in the back.

And don't forget to check out the hats! They are all cloche style and show more forehead than in 1928.

~ Jeanie Adair



I am in competition with no one. I have no desire to play the game of being better than anyone. I am simply trying to be better than the person I was yesterday.

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

*In  
Memory  
of*

I just got a call that Sue Perry passed away. Sue was a Beaver Chapter member since 1981. Her service is being planned, I'll send out an email when I get any more details.

## Beaver Chapter Model A Club Meeting – May 18, 2022

**Call to Order:** President Debbie Dutton called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. Debbie led the flag salute. There were no visitors or new members in attendance.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Mike Worthington presented the budget report.

**Swap Meet Report:** Mike Worthington reported that attendance was up by 250 people. Transportation for the Swap Meet for 2023 will be Express Buses from PIR directly to Expo. We need to man the Beaver Information booth better. Parking for the public will employ professional ticket takers to avoid plugging up the freeway.

**Sunshine Report:** The Christmas Potluck will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at our meeting location. Tom Ryan has pneumonia but is healing. Glen Slack has passed away.

**Name Tag Drawing:** Ted Downs had the winning ticket.

**Membership report and Membership Drawing:** Jennie Ryan had the club Membership Directory ready for pickup for those who had not yet gotten theirs. Jeanie Adair won the membership drawing.

**Banquet Report:** Pam Mc Claflin reported that the Banquet will be very nice. It will be held at Lake Side Gardens and there will be pictures on the bridge, a fashion show and lots of good food. 75 club members will be in attendance. Be sure to arrive at 5pm.

**Editor's Report:** Jeanie Adair reminded the membership to send in their articles by Sunday May 22. She asked the members to put in their email and phone information along with their Gots and Wants.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$26.00 was won by Michael Gombos.

**David Adair** gave a shout out to Lynn Sondenaa for his articles in the current Restorer Magazine. David shared how the club encouraged him in the restoration of his Model A and as a result he has been a member ever since. He enjoys the enthusiasm for the old cars and having likeminded people around him. David was the only one to drive his Model A to the club meeting.

**Tours:** Kirk Metteer invited the membership to the tour and presentation that he is leading this Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Members are to meet at the Canby Fred Meyers near the garden center. They will leave about 9 am and take the backroads to Brooks and the Antique Car and Truck Museum. A presentation on a Model T trip titled "From Sea to Sea Model T Tour" will be the entertainment for the day. Lynn Sondenaa encouraged members to get signed up for the Moiser Tunnels tour July 9<sup>th</sup>. Kirk reminded the membership about the Sara Helmic State Park Area 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Members were encouraged to pack a picnic lunch and bring their Model A cars to be static exhibits from 9am to 2 pm.

**Tool Trailer:** Ted Downs is requesting that someone in the club would house the tool trailer. Leonard Dutton volunteered to have it stay at his home in Sandy, Oregon.

**Thank you:** Thank you to Linda Neilsen for the delicious dessert and thank you to Ted Downs for providing drinks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary

**Choke-Carburetor May Seminar Correction.** On my printed handout of the seminar page six, third paragraph I made a major mistake so please correct: **The main jet receives it's gas from the lower right passage in the carburetor bowl.** It does not receive gas from the compensator jet. Sorry for the mistake. I should have double proof read before printing the handout.

Lynn Sondenaa

(Seminar continues in June...)



Lynn's seminar after the May meeting.



## Beaver Chapter Board Meeting – May 18, 2022

Called to order: 6:05 PM by President Debbie Dutton

Board Members Present: Debbie Dutton, Tom Winterrowd, Penny Haight, Mike Worthington, Jeanie Adair, Jennie Ryan, Leonard Dutton and Lynn Sondenaa.

**Minutes Approval:** A motion to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as printed in the Ahoooga News was made and seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### New Business and Reports:

**Inventory Report for the Tool Trailer:** Rene Metteer will provide a list. Ted Downs would like another member to house the Tool Trail. The need will be announced at the general meeting.

**Annual Fourth of July Breakfast:** This event has been canceled for four years due to the Pandemic. A discussion was conducted about where to hold it and who would do the cooking. It was determined that it was too late to secure a location for 2022. The topic will be brought up at a general meeting for discussion.

**Swap Meet Report:** Mike Worthington shared with the board about the poor support that occurred for the club information booth. The board discussed various ways to increase interest and improve planning for success next year. The information booth for the entire event was in a poor location in 2022. It will be relocated to serve the public better.

**Treasurer Report:** Mike Worthington will no longer do quarterly budget reports. He will advise the board of any budget issues as they occur.

**Bylaws and Policies:** Lynn Sondenaa presented a change to the membership application. The board discussed the idea and will revisit this in June.

**Tours:** Tom Winterrowd stated that he has tours for every month but June. He currently has someone interested in filling that slot. The June 1st Wednesday Breakfast will be held at the Beaver Creek Café.

**Membership:** Jennie Ryan reported that she has the membership handbooks available for the general meeting. Those who have not received one may pick it up during the meeting.

**Past President:** Lynn Sondenaa shared that he has been approached by MAFCA to lead a National Tour in the Pacific Northwest in 2024. He asked the board to consider whether they would support such an effort. This matter is being considered.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary



**The May Tour** was to Brooks for a slide presentation arranged by Kirk Metteer.

"From Sea to Sea in a Model T" was a trip Kirk and his two friends David and Dennis took in 1977.

They drove from Oregon to Maine in a Model T.

It was a very entertaining slide program. Ten club Model A's attended plus some modern iron.

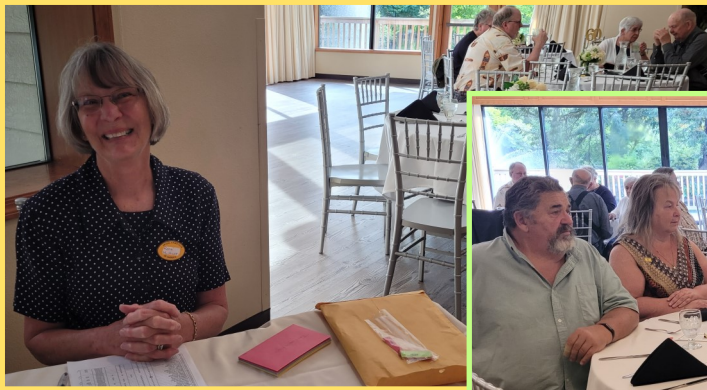




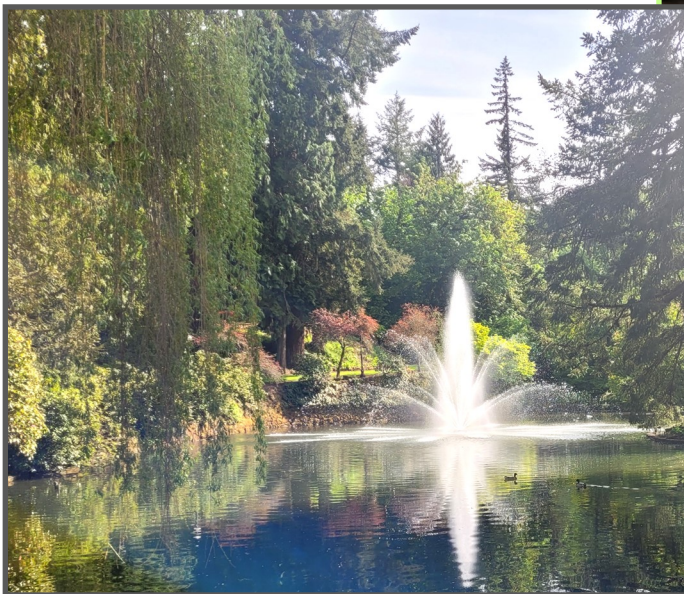
# Lakeside Gardens

Pam McClaflin, Chairperson for Beaver Chapter's 60th Anniversary Banquet, chose this lovely location, complete with a pair of white swans. The garden paths, bridges, lake, patio and dinning room all made for a very pleasant setting.

We were greeted by Rene Metteer who handled reservations. We chose a table then had time to visit with all who attended and check out a great display of Pam's era fashions and Beaver Chapter memorabilia.



Mike McLoughlin, on the left, was our Master of Ceremonies



**60 years!!** Can you believe it? Time sure flies...

Or like Art always says, "Time sure is fun when you're having flies!" Speaking of Art, he and Marlynne shared some history and memories about the club at the banquet. They are the only couple left from the original founding members of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club. The rest of us all have a ways to travel to get that far down the road.

Let's keep the hobby going by keeping the Model A's on the road and sharing their history and fun with others.





Chris Irwin was the Fashion Show coordinator. She is lovely as always in a vintage yellow print dress, cloche hat and fur wrap complete with tails. Tom is in a tux with a different kind of "tails".

Lynn and Anne Humble are always ready for Roaring 20's.



Had to get a close up of Patty Sondena's straw hat.



Marlin Binder and Kay Scott (left) were ready for a good time at the banquet...

David and Jeanie Adair enjoyed the patio and the last of the sunshine before dinner.



Amanda Uthe wore this lovely golden era lace dress. She even had her hair done in a great finger wave style. She is always spot on with era fashions, and doesn't her escort look very dapper too!

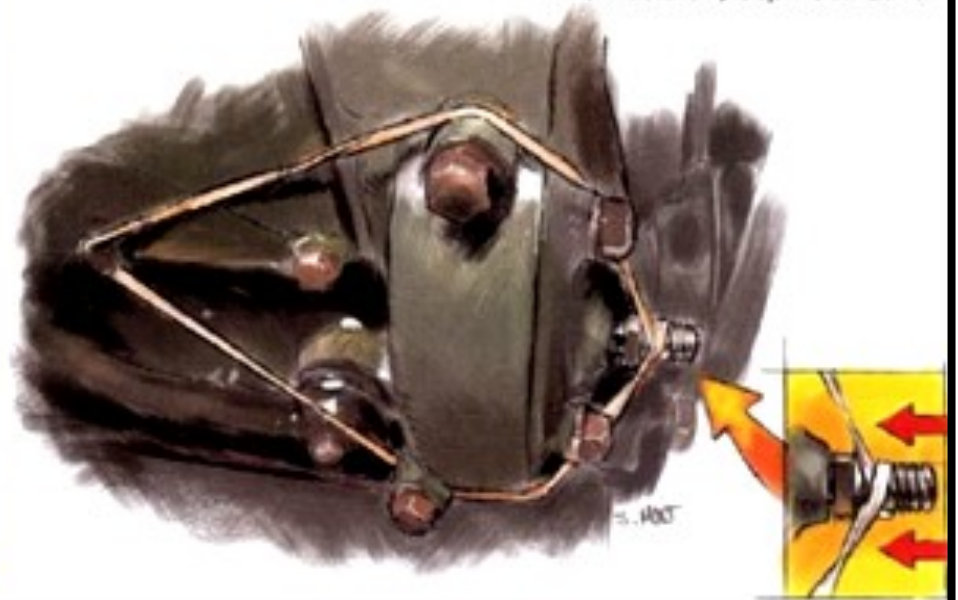




During tune-ups, do you ever find it awkward to hand crank the engine while holding in the timing pin? Here's an easy and cheap fix.

Loop a common (4" x1/4") heavy rubber band around timing pin threads. Then, stretch it back to a valve cover bolt head.

Now you can brace yourself with left hand, turn crank slowly with right hand and watch as the pin drops into the cam gear dimple.



## *Ford Motor Company*

CHICAGO, ILL.  
April 3, 1931

### WEEKLY SERVICE LETTER

#### ENGINE TIMING

In checking complaints of poor gas mileage, or lack of speed in the Model A Car, we have found in practically every instance, these complaints are due to improper timing and incorrect spacing of the distributor points or spark plug gaps. We have also found in questioning dealers' shop foremen, superintendents and mechanics, a general lack of knowledge as to the correct clearances for these settings. We, therefore, direct your attention to Page 542 of the February Service Bulletin, showing the distributor points as correctly set .018 to .022 and spark plug point gaps properly set of .035. It will be very much to your advantage to question your own shop men to determine whether or not they are familiar with this clearance and to further ascertain whether or not they know how to properly time a motor. It is very important in timing a motor that the distributor body be installed and that the rotor arm is opposite number one contact in the distributor body as outlined on Page 480 of the August 1930 Service Bulletin, and also on Page 346 of the May 1929 Service Bulletin. These instructions should be reviewed from time to time, as this will assist considerably in the rendering of good service.

I love hanging out with people that make me forget to look at my phone.

What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it.

Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance.

Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. Dr. Suess

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life, but will surely add life to your years.





**Why Buy an Engine When a Low-Priced "WORK-A FORD"** can be used with your Ford for all belt work? Your Ford has a powerful engine. It will outlast the car and you might as well use it and save your money. No wear on tires or transmission. Just drive up and hook it on in three minutes. Friction Clutch Pulley. Governor regulates engine speed. Write for free circular and 10 day trial offer.

**WORK-A-FORD CO. 831 Madison Terminal, Chicago**



Here's a peek at a Model A guys closet.

## Hidden Value

When my husband was building a cedar fence and deck for our new home, I purchased a shop vacuum.

After he used the vacuum to pick up the sawdust and clean up doghair clippings and other things, he told me, "You must have bought a cheap version of the Shop Vac. There's no attachments, just the hose."

A bit confused, I decided to use the vacuum myself and thought I should empty the vacuum's bucket first. Out came the wood shavings, the doghair and out came the instructions and all of the attachments.

To this day, I call my husband "Tim" from Tool Time, the fictitious show from TV's Home Improvement.

~Mary Gordon, Graham WA Cowlitz A's



So if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

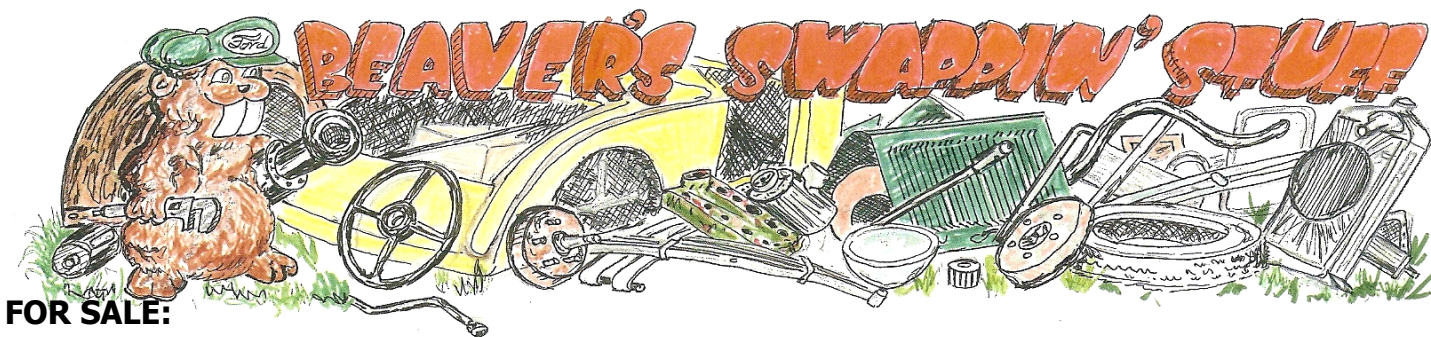
**1st Wednesday Breakfast June 1st** will be 9AM at Beaver Creek Saloon & Kissin Kate's Restaurant, 21950 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City. Join us!

Wednesday, June 15th, **Beaver Chapter Board Meeting** is at 6PM; Social starts at 7PM, followed by the **Membership Meeting** at 7:30PM. Location is the Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas.

Lynn Sondenaa will continue talking about carburetors for the guys seminar after the club meeting. The ladies will talk fashions during the seminar.

**June 4th Tour** - See page 4 for details and let Kirk know if you plan to attend.

**June Tour** - Saturday, June 18th - We will be meeting at Cathedral Park at 10 a.m. (6635 N. Baltimore Ave Portland 97203) for a 10:30 departure to visit Oregon's tallest wooden train trestle, Harrison pioneer cemetery, and Old Scots Church. We will have lunch at the Rock Creek Tavern. We will e-mail out details and ask for RSVP's so we can plan accordingly. Details call: Anne Humble at 480-620-9454



### FOR SALE:

1928 Model A Roadster; 12 volt, new top and curtains; 2 spare engines and transmissions. \$18,000  
1929 Fordor Sedan; H&H touring engine, high compression head, H D radiator. Approximately \$24,000 invested, make reasonable offer. Lynn Humble landahum58@gmail.com or 503.349.2023 or 480.620.9454

Model B Diamond block complete engine; standard crank counter balanced, 0.020 rods; all new parts include water pump/fan; pressure tested; new babbit. Built by Tom Godish. Includes lightened flywheel, clutch/pressure plate. \$4800 Firm. (Over \$6000 invested) Tom Irwin 503.538.5227

1928/1929 Roadster Seats, both front and rumble, fully upholstered in black vinyl material, new wood, new springs, ready to install, \$1200. Amanda Uthe 360.907.2544 or 1930bluelady@gmail.com



### 1931 Model A Ford 458 Deluxe Coupe For Sale

Nice car, older restoration, rumble seat, new brakes, shock absorbers, total front end rebuild, Brassworks radiator, new wiring, original type ignition switch with matching door & rumble seat keying, rebuilt vacuum wiper, leakless water pump, lots of spare parts & manuals. Needs someone with more time to drive it. \$15,500  
Rob Edgerton Rbedgerton@gmail.com 503.622.3150

