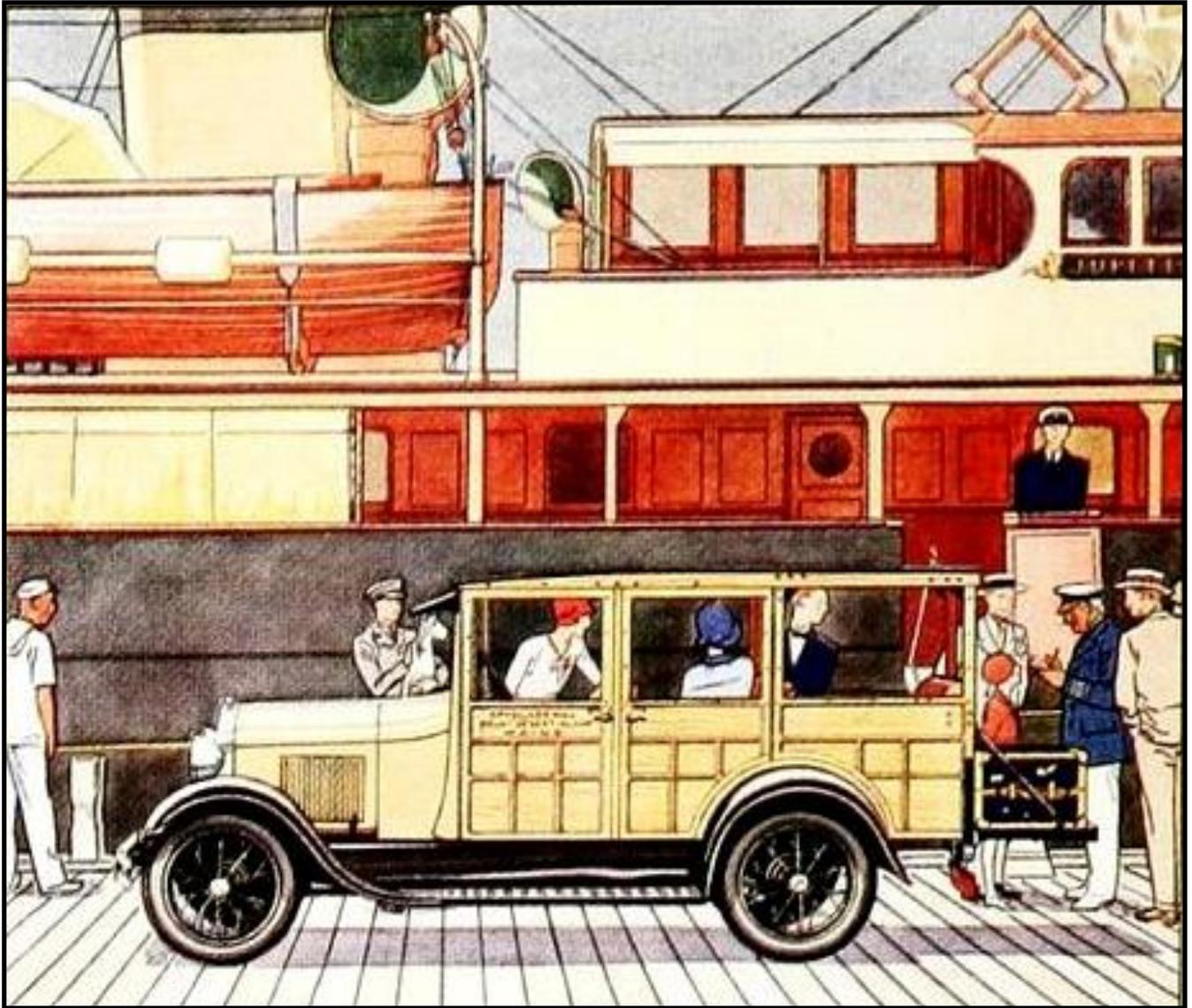


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The New Ford Station Wagon

The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, Portland Oregon
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Still celebrating our 60th year as a Model A Club!

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 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;
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Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Refreshments: Mary McConnell;
MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin; Beaver Chapter Webmaster:
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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: jadadaja@msn.com or mail to 895 Hazelwood Dr. Oregon City, OR 97045. **The newsletter deadline** is the Sunday following the club meeting.



Patty Sondenaar	1 st
Roy Asbahr	10 th
Dean Boring	10 th
Leah Higgins	16 th
Gene Scott	16 th
Debbie Dutton	17 th
Tim Brost	22 nd
Jeff Orlando	24 th
J Wyllie	25 th
Melanie Phillips	28 th
Ben Banyard	29 th
Steven Bee	31 st

Please Add New Members to Your Club Directory

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1931 Closed Cab Pickup

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559.285.9233

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE MEETING

August - Debbie Dutton

September - Pam McClafin & ??

October - Tom & Jennie Ryan

November - It's Pie Night

Everyone bring a pie to share!

Thank you to everyone who brings the refreshments.

**Beaver Chapter Tailgate Swap Meet
is at 5:30 before the August meeting.**

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Well, it looks like summer has finally arrived! Time to get those Model A's dusted off and out on the road, if you already haven't,

There have been some great tours already this season. The Mosier tunnels, put on by Lynn Sondenaa, the wooden train trussell hosted by Lynn and Anne Humble, tour to Brooks to hear about Kirk Metteer and his friend's trip from Oregon to Maine. It is very exciting to me that so many people have stepped up to the plate in planning these tours. Also thank you Tom Winterrowd for your help in organizing these tours. Speaking of Tom Winterrowd, he has announced that at the end of the year he will be stepping down as Vice President of the Model A club. This made me very sad, but Tom has put in his time and done a wonderful job. So, I am in need of someone to step up and fill some very big shoes. Please consider taking on this very rewarding job. If you feel you can take on this job, please contact me and throw your hat in the ring.

In addition, I have decided to step aside as Portland Swap Meet representative for the Model A club. This is a great job and opportunity to learn about how the Swap Meet works internally. I will still be on the board as Treasurer, and I will definitely still have input and voice my opinion, however I will not have a vote. The only people allowed to vote is the 2 reps from each of the 6 clubs. The only requirement to be a rep is to be on the Swap Meet committee for



2 years. Please think about it, it's a great opportunity. It is that time of year to elect officers for the next year. If you are interested in serving on the Model A board in any capacity, please contact me or anyone on the board and have your voice heard. President anyone???

Lynn Sondenaa is planning a great Past Presidents tour this September and it would be great to see you all there.

The 4th of July breakfast was unanimously shot down so this will be the last time it will be brought up by me.

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. See you at the next meeting at 5:30 for the August "Tailgate Swap Meet".

Respectfully, Debbie Dutton



Chris Irwin dressed in era fashions for an event at Brooks.

The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

Remember, you can post photos of what you've been doing in your Model A's to the club website. There is a site for club events and another site for your "fun photos" of non club sponsored events. See **"FUN PHOTOS"** on the webpage under **"MORE"**. If you don't know where the Beaver Chapter website is look on page 2 of this newsletter for the address.

Have you considered serving as a Beaver Chapter officer?

Nominations start in September with elections in November.

Technical Tip – Tires

A lot of guys try to keep their best tires on the front of their Model A and modern cars. Put your best tires on the rear of the car. Kurt Scientific Counselors, Inc., examines many accidents involving tires each year. More rear tire blowouts become accidents. A tire failure on the rear of the vehicle is more apt to result in loss of steering control than a tire failure on the front. When a rear tire fails, the rear of the vehicle swerves or fishtails in the direction of the failed tire. This points the vehicle in the opposite direction, and in nine out of ten rear tire failure accidents, the vehicle ends up on the side of the highway opposite the side of the failed tire. When a front tire fails, the vehicle also veers in the direction of the failed tire, but a competent driver can maintain steering control until the vehicle comes to a stop.

Goodyear's tire experts also warn that bringing a car under control after a rear tire is punctured often can be more difficult than if the puncture had occurred in the front tire.

Article from *The Ford Script*, August 2012

Things to Think About on the Model A ~ from the *SCRIPT A NEWS*

1. The Model A engine will run cooler at higher speeds and it will heat up more at lower speeds. This is due to air flow thru the radiator.
2. Did you know you are supposed to oil the starting crank bearing? Access is through the crank hole cover. The purpose is to lubricate the front spring and reduce the possibility of squeaks between the cross member and spring.
3. Spark plugs that have a dirty, oily, greasy build-up on the porcelain can allow current leakage. This will cut down the spark to the plugs. So, keep the spark plugs clean.
4. The coil body and distributor body and cap can develop carbon blow outs. They will look like pencil lines. This is a short and the pencil looking line is where the current travels. It is due to a loose wire or dirt build-up on the item. So, check these parts and keep them clean.

Technical Tip—Mounting Wheels

By Jim Cannon

I know that my Dad reads these Tech Tips, so today's is a special shout out to him, who taught me this Tip for mounting wheels when I was about 12 years old. Thanks, Dad!

Start with a classic X-style lug nut wrench. If you don't already have one, mine is 20" across and works quite well.

Place the wheel/tire next to the vehicle, leaning it against the hub and brake drum you plan to mount it on. Adjust the jack so that the wheel needs to be lifted an inch or two onto the studs.

Now slip two of the tire iron arms under the tire, one arm to the left of where the tire touches the ground, and the other arm to the right. Grab one of the tire iron arms that is pointing out toward you, and lift the tire up with one hand while you guide the wheel to hang on a stud or two with the other hand.

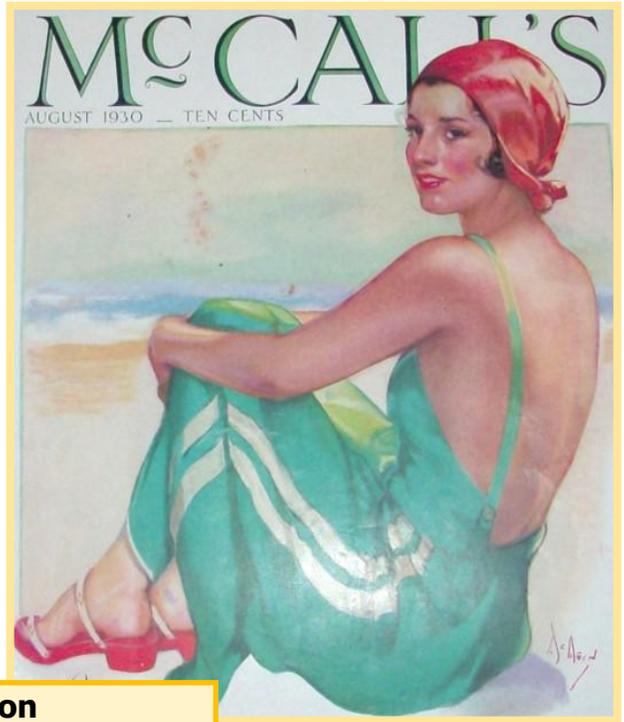


Hold the wheel in against the drum while you lower the lug wrench and use that free hand to start a lug nut on one of the studs. Once you have that lug nut started, you can let go of the wheel and start the rest of them. Use the tire iron to run them all in snug, then lower the jack and tighten them all again.

This Tip is not just applicable to mounting a wheel/tire on a Model A. It works on pretty much any vehicle: car, truck, trailer... In fact, the larger and heavier the wheel/tire is that you are putting on, the bigger help this is.

So in the shop or out on the road, use a simple tire iron to help you lift a wheel up into place and hold it there while you start the lug nuts.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim

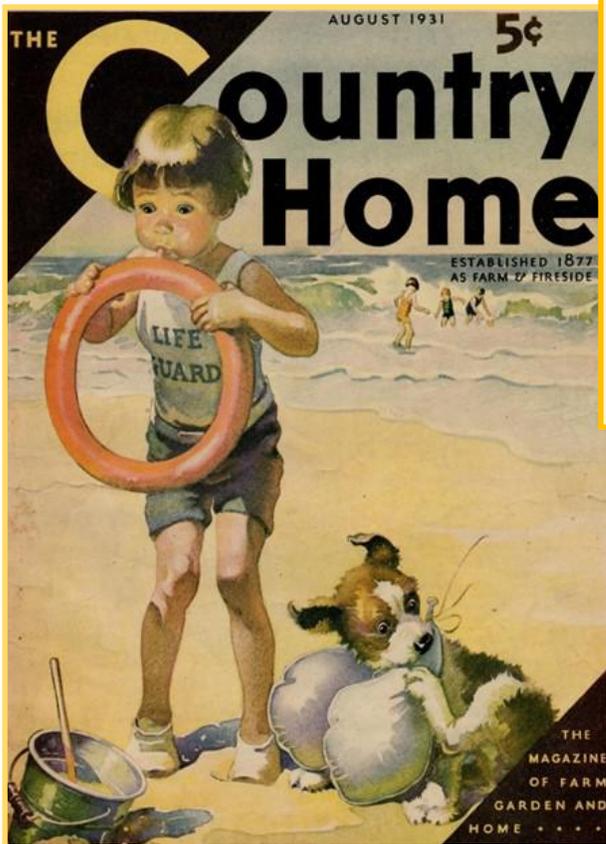


Summer Vacation

Who doesn't like getting away for a summer vacation! Even during the Model A years they traveled in style. These era magazine covers give you a glimpse of traveling in style...

The beach was a popular destination. The lady in the beach pajamas above right looks like she could use some sunscreen! Bottom left, the children are enjoying the water. The dog is chewing on some "water wings" - that's not going to help keep the child afloat!

To the right is a good example of luggage styles that were available in 1928 - 1931. Era hats alone were an important item and they take up lots of space when traveling. ~ Jeanie



Beaver Chapter Board Meeting – July 20, 2022

Call to Order: 6:03 pm - Board Members Present: Debbie Dutton, Tom Winterrowd, Mike Worthington, Jeanie Adair, Jennie Ryan, Penny Haight, Lynn Sondena, Tom Ryan and Leonard Dutton.

Swap Meet Report: Tax information has been turned into the accountant. We will probably have the results by August or September. Mike Worthington is willing to be the Swap Meet representative for 2023. Debbie Dutton is retiring from being the Beaver Chapter Swap Meet representative.

Treasurers Report: Mike Worthington stated that all bills are paid.

Tours: Tom Winterrowd reported that the August first Wednesday breakfast will be held at McCrae's Country Café in Gresham. He announced that there is an out of town tour available for members to attend – The Inland Empire Tour in Spokane Washington. The August tour will be to Swan Island Dahlias in Canby Oregon. The September tour will be to the **WAAM Museum** in Hood River. The Concours d'Élegance held in Forest Grove had three Beaver Chapter members participate in the commercial Truck Division. Two of the participants received awards. Tom will raffle off the unused emergency bags.

Past Presidents Tour: Lynn shared the details of the Past Presidents Tour with the Board. He emphasized the need to get registered for rooms early and sign up for the banquet meal as soon as possible.

Membership: Jennie Ryan reported that we have two new members. They are Dell and Lora Parsons of Damascus, Oregon and Gary Bartman of Newberg, Oregon.

Club Raffle: After discussion, it was determined that the club would continue the raffle and evaluate it at the end of the club year.

Tool Trailer: Leonard Dutton stated that the tool trailer was now at his home.

Annual 4th of July Breakfast: This event will be shared with the general membership. The interest level will determine whether we move forward with it or not.

Beaver Booth at the April Swap Meet: We discussed the booth and how to make it valuable to the club. Some research will be done to see why changes were made in the past.

Bylaws: The board will review the bylaws at the September meeting.

There will be no board meeting in August due to the 5:30pm – 7pm club swap meet in the parking lot before the regular meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary



After a two-year hiatus, the Forest Grove Concourse d'Élegance resumed July 17th. Our Beaver Chapter was represented in the Commercial Truck category by Doug Inglis (1929 Closed Cab Pickup), Tom Winterrowd (1929 AA Stake Bed), and Tom and Leslie Atiyeh (1931 Panel Delivery). Tom's AA took home the first-place award with 100 points. **I repeat 100 points!** Tom and Leslie's Panel came in third.

Bruce Ernst, Tom and Chris Irwin stopped by for support and to cheer us on.

Beaver Chapter General Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2022

Call to Order: Debbie Dutton called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. 45 members were present. Debbie led the flag salute. Debbie Dutton welcomed Ted Downs grandson to the meeting. He is learning to drive a Model A. Gary Webb was visiting and shared that he owns a 1931 Deluxe Coop.

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

Tours: August 20 will be the tour to the Swan Island Dahlia Farm. September 10th will be a tour to WAAM in Hood River. The August 1st Wednesday Breakfast will be held at McCrea's Country Café in Gresham. The Concours D'Elegance had three Beaver members participate. They entered the Commercial Truck class. Tom Winterrowd placed 1st and Tom Atiyeh placed third. 15 Model A's from the Beaver Chapter attended the Moiser Tunnel Tour in July. Tom shared how the red tickets work, and how he will raffle off the unused emergency bags. Tom is retiring as tour director at the end of the club year.

Past Presidents Tour: Lynn Sondena reported that the Past Presidents Tour will take place on September 23-25. The tour will enjoy the sights and food of The Dalles area. If you plan to attend, you need to reserve your room and sign up for the banquet. List a correct cell phone number for Lynn to use during the tour.

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

Christmas Potluck: December 3rd is the date for the Potluck. It will be held at the same place we have our regular meetings.

Treasurers Report: All bills are paid.

Swap Meet Report: Tax information has been given to the accountant. We should have information by late August or September. Mike stated that he would be willing to continue representing the Beaver Chapter. Debbie Dutton is planning to retire as a Swap Meet Representative.

Nametag Drawing: Diana Hudson just happened to be visiting Pam and Diana's number was drawn.

Membership Drawing: The winner was not present.

50/50 Drawing: Cody Watts won \$33.00.

Parking Lot Swap Meet: The Parking Lot Swap Meet will precede the August General Meeting. It will begin at 5:30 pm .

Tom Winterrowd conducted a member share time on things done and learned about Model A's.

60th Anniversary pins are available to all Swap Meet participants. See Debbie Dutton to obtain one.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary



Tips on Pumping Gas

I don't know what you guys are paying for gasoline.... but here in California we are paying up to \$3.75 to \$4.10 per gallon. My line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon:

Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose , CA we deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline.. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role.

A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, *DO NOT* fill up; most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

I just got a full tank of gas for \$22. Granted it was for my lawn mower but I am trying to stay positive!



July 9th Mosier Tunnel Tour

The Beaver club had 15 Model A's attend the Mosier Tunnel Tour. It was a good trip with some things to mention.

First, Debbie & Leonard Dutton greeted our group at Shorty's Corner and wished us success.

At Welches, Oregon one of our cars lost a fan belt while another one lost a radiator. At Elk Meadows we did a brake check as a herd of 18 elk crossed highway 35 right in front of us.

We are to congratulate two of our newer member for making the trip, Mike Gombos and Vincent Dunn. Our other attendees were: Lynn & Patty Sondenaa, Kirk & Rene Metteer, Tom & Chris Irwin, Doug and David Inglis, Bruce & Bobbie Barnett, Bruce Ernst, Lynn & Anne Humble, Bill & Alyce Griffith, Mike & Penny Haight, Gene Scott, Marlin Binder & Kay Scott with granddaughter Aspen, Roger & Cathy Green, Rich Simpson, and Pam & Terry.

It should be noted that several Beaver cars transported guests thru the tunnel.

Roger Green had the honor of being the lead car as he chauffeured the head of the tunnel tour Jeanette Kloos.





"Thank You" to Lynn for leading this tour!
And thanks to Lynn and Tom Irwin for the photos.
It looks like it was a great day to be driving a Model A...

Mike Gombos is checking his water level with assistance from Lynn.





Tiny Tip:

Light Switch

Does your light switch do the hula when the steering wheel is turned? The correct repair may involve a new lower switch box, a fraction shorter horn tube, etc. But for those who travel tourist class, here's a no cost invisible repair.

Remove the horn tube, cut a gasket from a thin piece of felt, flannel or velvet to fit over the tube hole shiny spot on the steering wheel. Replace the horn tube. The cloth gasket stops the wiggle.

From Tiny Tips for Your Model A

Ted Downs gave his mother Alice a short ride in his 1931 Roadster as they celebrated her 93rd birthday.

Tiny Tip

The best mouse deterrent: Use 4 oz. round urinal blocks with Paradichlorabenzene. This is the same chemical used in moth balls only the blocks have a cherry scent,

I throw one in the trunk and one under the front seat. They last for months and slowly evaporate. Do not place directly on a rubber mat. Place in a cleaned out tuna can or on a piece of cardboard.

They are available by the dozen at most all janitorial supply distributors. Be sure to specify Para as they are also made with Non-Para.

If you can't find them, I can supply them by the dozen.

Greg Edwards, 503.357.3980



I understand that Anne and Lynn Humble have an addition to their home! And they're all decked out to celebrate!

What you tell yourself every day will either lift you up or tear you down.

Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are there.

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1st Wednesday Breakfast is August 3rd at 9AM.

Location is McCrea's Country Café, 401 W Powell Blvd. Gresham.

See you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Beaver Chapter Annual Tailgate Swap Meet, Wednesday, August 17th at 5:30PM in the parking lot of the Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas. Bring your unwanted treasures to sell, or maybe you'll find just what you need. Ladies will have time to buy and sell era fashion items inside where its cool! Membership Meeting will follow the swap meet at 7:30PM.



Monthly Tour August 20th: Meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center (north end by Firestone) for a 10AM departure. We will tour to the Swan Island Dahlia farm in Canby. You will have time to view their display garden and fields of blooms. Then we'll motor on to the Back Stop for lunch. David Adair is tour leader, 503.655.3189. **Reservations required - so sign up for the tour.**

Past President Tour is September 23, 24, & 25. We will meet at the Oregon City shopping center at 8:30 **leaving at exactly 8:45 am.** Lynn Sondena

2022 Past President Tour Motel Information - Dear members if you wish to attend the 2022 Past President Tour **you must book your motel room now! The rates and rooms will be held until August 23rd.** If you worked the Portland Swap Meet one night will be paid for by the club. A standard room with a queen bed is \$99, and a deluxe room is \$119. The club is paying the standard room rate, you will pay the upgrade difference. Reservations are made under the name, **Beaver Car Club.**

Cousins Country Inn
2114 W. 6th Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
541-298-5161



FOR SALE:

1929 Tudor Model A Sedan for sale, \$24,000 obo. Car is at the museum in Hood River. Contact the son who lives in Pennsylvania, Brian Wright at briancwright2020@gmail.com or 1.410.703.0448

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

WANTED:

(For non club member, Rob the upholsterer) Wants the following items for a '29 Tudor: Top door molding, driver & passenger side; emergency brake hardware for lever back; starter pedal and rods.

Contact Cody Watts 503.260.6603

Please volunteer to fill the retiring Board Members positions - the club needs YOU!