

# The Ahoooga News



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This photo is of Tom Irwin's 1930 Deluxe Canadian Roadster parked in front of the 1892 Settemier Victorian House in Woodburn.

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## **BEAVER CHAPTER MAFCA 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.

The Beaver Chapter memberships commence on January 1st or on the date paid and expires on December 31st. A \$5.00 late fee charged after January 1<sup>st</sup> for renewals.

New memberships received after July 1st are valid for the following year. Beaver Chapter dues are \$10.00 for a member plus \$1.00 for a spouse member.



**Make check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send them to: Rayburn Mitchell at 23101 SE Firwood Rd. Sandy, OR 97055.**

By-laws Article III, Section 2 states: "Membership in the national club (MAFCA) shall be a prerequisite for all active members of the Beaver Chapter."

MAFCA dues are \$50.00. Make check out to Model A Ford Club of America.

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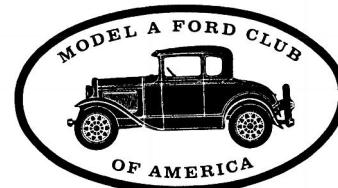
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Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits.

**The deadline is the weekend following the meeting unless announced otherwise.**

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**Check out Beaver Chapter New Web Site: <http://www.beaverchapterford.org/>**

**All Beaver Chapter events are canceled for the month of May!**

**Continue your social distancing - stay healthy!**



## President's Column

Well here I sit writing my column. Tom Irwin told me as soon as the tours started the column would become easier to write. Then along comes COVID-19, a real game changer. Patty and I ventured out to the grocery store for supplies. In my lifetime I have never seen empty store shelves. My mother used to tell me stories of during The Great Depression and World War II; now our current situation hits home and I understand what she was telling me. My grandfather had a 1929 Dodge truck and his brother had a 1929 Ford AA truck. They would wrap rope tightly around the wheel and tire to make due as the new rubber tires were way too expensive and very scarce to find.

Debbie Dutton is the Treasure of the Portland Swap Meet Committee. She has had a major job of rolling over vendor spots and having to refund the vendors who do not want to roll over to 2021. She has a ton of work to do right now. We all need to thank her for her hard work and dedication.

On the bright side, my shout out goes to Richard Starkweather. He has the website up and running! The Board looked over the website, made suggestions, and then approved it by vote. Richard has put in thousands of hours on this site. It should be a MAFCA award winner. We also must give Bonnie credit for letting Richard spend so much time to develop the website. We should also not forget Ann Humble who developed the Shutterfly site.

To access the new club website use: <https://www.beaverchapterford.org/>

You can bookmark this page so you will only have to type the information once. Be kind, Be nice and most of all stay healthy!

I would also like to give a shout out to Jeanie Adair for her hard work on the newsletter. With no minutes to print and no activities to write about it makes her job harder. She did a great job with the April newsletter. Lynn

### How Everyone Is Coping -

I drove the Model A to the church this morning. The Pastor stopped his Easter preparations to do a 360 walk around. He then anointed it in oil. It took two and a half quarts! ~ Rich Simpson

Stirred or Shaken? Carolyn and I are drinking "quarantinis" at happy hour. They are much like a regular martini, except they have 20% more gin (or vodka), and we have to wash our hands for 20 seconds before and after drinking them. I always stir them in the mix, but we're pretty shaken after one or two... or three, which is why we have to wash our hands after. ~ Ray Horton

Our laundry and the dishes have never stayed so caught up and our lawn has never looks so good. LOL  
Leonard & Debbie Dutton

The beautiful weather finds me outdoors working in my flower beds, pruning trees, enjoying the birds, views of the mountains and foothills in the distance and watching what new flower is about to burst open! I'm enjoying life at this slower pace and taking in some walks around our place. I'm also trying some new recipes while I dig through my freezer. Oh, and I'm loving being able to hang my laundry out in this beautiful weather! ~ Rene Metteer

David got a new Snyder's catalog in the mail that kept him occupied for a week... Jeanie  
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## Social Distancing Report

- Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.
- Still haven't decided where to go for Mothers Day – The Dinning Room or The Kitchen.
- Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Homeschooling is going well. Two students suspended for fighting and one teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to Twilight Zone.
- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog... we laughed a lot.
- So, after this quarantine, will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?
- Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- I'm so excited – it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year"... I'm offended.
- Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under.
- I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.
- Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

### How You're Coping continued:

Pat LaPointe has spent two weeks replacing the window channels on his 1930 Town Sedan, three doors complete. 

No problem filling days as long as there's weeds to pull. My daughters family brought dinner one evening, lawn chairs and even a little firepit for heat. ~Dixie Wyllie

As an essential healthcare worker I am reporting to work Monday through Friday and practicing social distancing. All while trying to ensure I don't bring home this terrible bug. Additionally I am checking my email regularly in hopes of finding no announcement about sick members for my job as the Sunshine coordinator. ~ Brenda Caseday

Donned my gardening gloves and proceeded to tackle some weeds. Marlynne P. (Continues more on page 11)



## SLENDER HIPLINES ARE ACCENTED IN NEW WAYS



These spring offerings are from a 1929 Spring *McCalls Quarterly*.

All three dresses have the dropped waistline that was so common in early 1929. Notice how the top "blouses" over the skirt.

The first floral printed frock on the left has an asymmetric neckline. The right side of the bodice slants diagonally to the left hip. The hip line is emphasized with a large bow.

The pink dress has bows at the neckline and wrists, while the dropped hip line features smocking.

The black and white printed dress has a long scarf around the neck that flutters in the front and back. Again, the left side of the skirt features a bias draped panel for further interest to the dress.

Each hat is very typical of the 1929 styles – close fitting to the head with the front cut or turned back away from the forehead.

~ Jeanie Adair



Moms will clean up everything. Scientists have proven that a Mom's spit is the exact chemical composition of Formula 409. Mom's spit on a Kleenex - you can get rust off a bumper with that. ~Jeff Foxworthy

Happy Mothers Day to you all who really have what it takes: Kids!

# Model A Additives for Fuel, Oil, & Water

By Lynn Sondensaa

I have had many people ask me about what additives I use in my Model A and why I use them. First let me lay down the ground rules for this article. This is my opinion, and I am not trying to sell you these products. The club is neutral on this. You need to make your own intelligent decision on their usage.

Ethanol gasoline does not have lead in it, so it must be replaced somehow to lubricate the valve train. I use Marvel Mystery Oil in the gasoline. There are lead additives available, but they are a carcinogenic (which can cause cancer).

A quick work about motor oil, the EPA banned the additive ZDDP in motor oil. They did that because the zinc and phosphorus are harmful to the catalytic converters. It causes them to fail. A common myth is that diesel motor oils like Chevron Delo 400 and Shell Rotella T have ZDDP in them. That is false; they do not have the ZDDP additive, because the oil could be used in passenger cars and pickups that have diesel engines. However most racing oils have ZDDP in them. You just need to read the label for contents. The following list covers fuel additives, radiator additives, oil additives, grease & oils, and some miscellaneous items.

## Fuel Additives

### Marvel Mystery Oil

- Add 4 ounces to 10 gallons of gasoline
- It lubricates the valves and valve guides
- It lubricates the fuel shut off valve
- It lubricates the carburetor float valve

### STA-BIL

- Keeps fuel fresh, prevents gum & varnish
- Prevents corrosion from moisture
- Prevents ethanol-induced water attraction
- Use when not driving the Model A for a month or longer period
- Add 4 ounces to 10 gallons of gasoline

### Sea Foam

- Same as STA-BIL
- It also acts as a cleaner

## Radiator Additives

### Water Wetter

- Reduces engine temperature
- Should be used with antifreeze



### WANTED:

1930-31 Pickup/Tudor Sedan driver door.  
Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

- Provides lubrication
- Add 12 ounces to 3 gallons of water

#### Hy-per Lube

- Reduces engine temperature
- Provides corrosion protection
- Add 16 ounces to 3 gallons of water

#### Irontite Thoro-flush

- Cleans engine and radiator
- Loosens and helps to remove rust, oil, grease and sludge
- Cleans radiator hoses
- This is a cleaner, not an additive
- Fill, run, flush, re-flush, refill

#### Irontite ceramic motor seal

- Seals leaking head gaskets
- Seals small cracks in cylinder head
- Seals small cracks in engine block
- Helps to stop coolant leaks
- Fill, run, drain, dry for 12 hours, refill

#### Antifreeze

- Provides corrosion protection
- Heat transfer protection
- Freeze protection
- Lubricates water-pump (not all brands of antifreeze do this)
- It has been tested and proven that it does not eat away babbitt in bearings

### Oils & Additives

#### Royal Purple Synthetic Oil HPS

- Has zinc & phosphorus (ZDDP)
- Has anti-wear additives

#### Lucus engine break-in oil

- Has zinc & phosphorus (ZDDP)
- Add 16 ounces to 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  quarts of motor oil

#### Hy-Per Lube Zinc replacement

- Does not contain zinc or phosphorus (has modern replacement chemicals)
- Add 12 ounces to 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  quarts of motor oil

## ZDDP Plus

- Adds zinc and phosphorus to oil

## A Note on Engine Motor Oils

- HD (high detergent) helps to stop the build-up of harmful engine sludge & deposits
- It reduces varnish formation
- SAE multi-grade motor oils (10-30) could cause rear main bearing leaks to worsen

## Grease & Oils for Component Parts

### Royal Purple Synthetic assembly lube

- Prevents metal to metal contact
- Use on main bearings and rod bearings during assembly
- Use on camshaft & valve train during assembly
- Use to lubricate distributor bushings
- Use on steering bushings

### Sta-lube engine assembly lube

- A high pressure, high heat lubrication
- Use on brake parts
- Use to lubricate speedometer cable
- Use on distributor cam

### Dielectric grease

- Use on all electrical contacts
- Keeps moisture out
- Prevents corrosion
- Lubricates moving parts in the light switch body
- Lubricates the coil boots (spark plug boots if using them)

### Lubriplate

- A white grease
- Use on door dovetails

### Aladdin Magic Lube

- Water proof grease
- Use on neoprene & O rings
- Lubricate zippers either metal or plastic
- Lubricate snaps on open car tops

## Misc. Items

Plastic-Kote black lacquer paint

- Resistant to gasoline
- Use to paint cast-iron sediment bowl
- Use to paint carburetor
- Use to paint engine splash pans

3-M black super weather strip & gasket adhesive

- Use to attach rubber to metal
- Use to attach weather stripping to wood or metal

3-M plastic & emblem adhesive

- Use to glue radiator shell emblem

3-M clear auto sealer

- An invisible seal
- Use to stop leaks after car has been painted
- Use on body seams
- Use on rain gutter seams
- Use on windshield seams

Leak Lock

- Used to stop fuel leaks at fittings

Muffler & tailpipe sealer by Permatex

- Use around the tailpipe clamp to stop metal to metal vibration

Battery protector & sealer

- Seals terminals
- Prevents corrosion
- Cuts current loss

Battery anti-corrosion washers

- Prevents terminal corrosion

Belt dressing

- Helps to prevent dry rot and cracking
- Quiets noise and squeaks on belts

## **2020 Swap Meet Update ~ Mike Worthington**

First, we wish you well as we wait out this national emergency. Secondly, Debbie and I would like to thank all of you who signed up to work at the year's swap meet. The cancellation of the swap meet was the right decision for our customers, and our community.

The immediate short term impact on the Beaver Chapter is the loss of revenue for 2020. The long-term impact is not so clear. Undoubtedly there will be changes in how we conduct the swap meet in the future. What those change might be, and how they impact us as we go forward, are yet to be determined.

The swap meet is a pretty big deal, and has a lot of moving parts. I would like to report that we had a cancellation master plan that we pulled out, and that it worked flawlessly. The reality is that we did not have a plan, but we did have some experienced people who stepped up and worked through the challenge of contacting vendors, and service providers. As you might guess this was a pretty daunting task. Their quick response sped up the notification process saving time, and money.

Some service expenses have long lead times, such as advertising. These were expended well before the event was cancelled and remain 2020 expenses. Other expenses have a shorter lead time and were canceled as early as possible. The financial impact of these items is mixed, we are required to partially pay some, and we received a full refund on others. To reduce the impact on cash flow we have offered vendors the choice of a refund, or to rollover their reservation to 2021. Some were happy with the rollover, and some wanted a refund. By far the biggest expense is the facility rental for Expo. The good news is that Expo has offered a refund, or a rollover. We have proposed an intermediate option asking them to retain our initial reservation deposit for 2021, and to refund our final facility rental fee. This will provide us the cash flow required to provide vendor refunds.

My guess is that the Swap Meet board will begin meeting as soon as we are allowed. The first order of business will be to settle several 2020 issues, and to get us back on track for 2021. As always, if you have concerns, questions, or suggestions share them with Debbie or I. We are all in this together.



**Not all Model A's are bright and shiny!**

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure.  
There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.



**This is why I drive a Model A!**

I recently bought a 1929 Packard that had not run in years, and needed to get it in the shop. What better tow vehicle than my 1928 Model A. The Model A began life as an AR Tudor Sedan. Sometime around WWII, it was chopped and turned into a pickup, probably so they could get gasoline. It was last driven in 1947 and had hay and molasses in the back, so was probably used to feed cattle. After welding up the rust and splits on the body, we installed completely new drivetrain components, axles, brakes, wiring and even an overdrive. The inside was redone with burlap coffee sacks and an old vinyl seat that I had laying around. It had to be good enough for Mary to get into it. Seat belts were installed and it cruises down the highway at 55 mph with ease. ~ Bill Jabs

#### **More Copping:**

From Rob Edgerton, he sent these two photos of his wood turnings he's done - beautiful!

I'm doing the turn signals on Goldie; installed terminal strips under the dash and behind the rear seat for junctions. The dash lamp is installed with a LED bulb. Most evenings Joanne and I do a ride through the neighborhood going farther each trip! ~ Rich Simpson

As most of us are doing, we have been catching up on home projects, doing yard work, binge watching "Outlander" and Tom has been doing a lot of Model A work. Along with Bruce & Bobbie Barnett, our highlight of the shutdown was taking our Model A's out for about a 40 mile drive on one of those beautiful sunny days. Then getting together for dinner at our house and a few games of pinochle. Chris & Tom Irwin

Thankful we are safe, warm, and have plenty to eat. Also thankful for our Kindles. Unfortunately, the weeds didn't get the Covid-19 lock down memo!  
Bruce & Bobbie Barnett

I'm playing a lot of bridge on the computer, watching a lot of TV and talking a lot on the phone to my kids. ~ Doug Inglis

We enjoy your flowers & yard; read a lot, Kindles are great. I am making grocery bags and masks at this time. Jan & Bob Jones



#### **FROM THE EDITORS DESK -**

With so many pages to fill when we don't have meeting minutes, tours etc. to fill them, I could sure use **your** story of **your Model A** - include a nice photo of your car. Email it to me at [jadadaja@msn.com](mailto:jadadaja@msn.com) This is your chance to be in the newsletter!  
~Jeanie



All events  
cancelled for  
this month!

## Escape From Solitary Confinement

My mother was a small child in rural Missouri during the Spanish flu epidemic of early 1900's. She found herself in charge of her very sick parents, too sick even to get out of bed. Only five years old or so, she was in charge of the farm, its animals, etc. as well as tending to her parents needs. The farm was well off the road with only a trail out to the town. The "town" was Elmo, Nodaway County, Missouri. The name itself pretty well described her isolation. No access to a phone, a car, or even a horse, she was stuck.

Skipping ahead a couple of decades she found herself abandoned, with a small child, me, in bustling Los Angeles, CA. Surrounded by crowds of people, mingled with red eyed drivers of cars, she was terrified. The city was getting ready for war (WWII) which added to the confusion. Escaping from the confinement of the mandatory isolation was her only goal. The solution in her mind was to go downtown, in the dark, as the city was in forced black out mode. Milling crowds of sailors, soldiers, police, etc. seemed to offer a little sense of safety. Again, no cars. But she wanted me to experience some "Christmas" - December 1941.

Enter the neatest car that I had ever seen, let along rode in. We rode downtown, in daylight of course, and even a fun trip to the race track at Santa Anita. Hennessey's lived across the alley and had a black 1928 Model A Ford. Shiny Black, glistening chrome, and the sweetest putt putt sound that I had ever heard. I have a vivid memory of Mr. Hennessey changing the left rear tire as I marveled at the tuna fish can tail light. The seats were so soft and the upholstery was so smooth and pretty. My mind was made up right then and there that if I was ever to have a car of my own it would be a black 1928 Model A Ford Tudor Sedan!

~ Art Pugsley



1928 MODEL A FORD TUDOR SEDAN PICK-UP  
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"AND THE PEOPLE STAYED HOME. AND READ BOOKS, AND LISTENED, AND RESTED, AND EXERCISED, AND MADE ART, AND PLAYED GAMES, AND LEARNED NEW WAYS OF BEING, AND WERE STILL. AND LISTENED MORE DEEPLY. SOME MEDITATED, SOME PRAYED, SOME DANCED. SOME MET THEIR SHADOWS. AND THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO THINK DIFFERENTLY. AND THE PEOPLE HEALED. AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN IGNORANT, DANGEROUS, MINDLESS, AND HEARTLESS WAYS, THE EARTH BEGAN TO HEAL. AND WHEN THE DANGER PASSED, AND THE PEOPLE JOINED TOGETHER AGAIN, THEY GRIEVED THEIR LOSSES, AND MADE NEW CHOICES, AND DREAMED NEW IMAGES, AND CREATED NEW WAYS TO LIVE AND HEAL THE EARTH FULLY, AS THEY HAD BEEN HEALED."



Happy Birthday

Julie Peters	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bruce Barnett	4 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Irwin	6 <sup>th</sup>
Ted Downs	7 <sup>th</sup>
Doug Inglis	10 <sup>th</sup>
Una McLaughlin	11 <sup>th</sup>
Kirk Metteer	12 <sup>th</sup>
Cathy Blunt	16 <sup>th</sup>
Brenda Caseday	16 <sup>th</sup>
Ben McConnell	17 <sup>th</sup>
Leonard Dutton	20 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Starkweather	21 <sup>st</sup>
Art Pugsley	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ruby Knudsen	25 <sup>th</sup>
Ingeborg Dexter	27 <sup>th</sup>
Don Knudsen	28 <sup>th</sup>
Gail Saldana	28 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Irwin	29 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Flake	30 <sup>th</sup>