

# The Ahoonga News

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Kirk and Rene' Metteer win 2025 Mileage Award—2,788 miles

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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, submit signed membership application to Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send directly to Jessica Acosta 7335 SE 64th Ave. Portland OR 97206. 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 and mail directly to 250 S. Cypress St. La Habra, CA 90631-5315.

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#### CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2025

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Refreshments: Debbie Dutton

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**The Ahoogha News** is the club newsletter. Articles and contributions are encouraged and will be used as space permits. Send directly to the Editor at [noe2912@comcast.net](mailto:noe2912@comcast.net) or 2222 Matterhorn Ct. West Linn OR 97068. The deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We're getting ready for our tour season! Corey is putting the finishing touches on the 2026 tour schedule. If you have an idea for a tour there are still dates available and of course, we can always we can always have more than one tour a month. Debbie is also working on the Past President's tour plans, which this year will take us to the 2026 MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton.



You might have noticed our March Newsletter is being sent from a different address. This is because Dave Hawbecker has a new computer. The club is using a completely new email list that Jessica Acosta has put together.

As our new officers take on their responsibilities, I want to give a shout-out to Jennie Ryan, our past membership coordinator, for her four years of volunteer work with the Beaver Chapter. Jennie wants to remind us that if you have any member information that needs updating, please email Jess Acosta to help keep the club's roster up to date.

Congratulations to Kirk and Rene' Matteer for winning the annual mileage trophy with 2,788 miles. Tom and Chris Irwin were runners-up.

Our upcoming First Wednesday Breakfast dates and locations. 1. March 4th: IHOP, 1709 S. Hwy 213, Oregon City. 2. April 1st, Miller's Homestead, 17933 SW McEwan Rd. Tigard.

Kent Uhl



### ANNUAL MODEL A BANQUET

Saturday, May 2nd @ 2p.m.

Cedarbrook Lodge 26450 SE Rugg Rd. Damascus, OR 97089

## BEAVER CHAPTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Kent Uhl at 7:23 PM and he led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced. Chet King who owns a 1929 Tudor and Aaron Fossedel who is looking at cars

Reports: Sunshine: Debbie Dutton (substituting for Brenda Caseday) reported that Beverley Asbahr passed about two weeks ago. We will send a card. Mary McConnell had a heart valve replacement and would like some calls just to talk.

Club banquet will be on May 2nd at 2 PM. More details to follow in the April Ahoogha News.

Past President's Tour will be the MAFCA National Meet in Pendleton. A signup sheet is being passed around. Debbie is panning a dinner possibly on Tuesday night, June 2nd.

Old Business: Tom Ryan made a motion that we provide a giant basket with Model A parts in it for the National Meet. This was seconded by Corey Acosta. This motion passed with a majority.

Kirk Matteer made a motion we continue with three booths at the Swap Meet. Debbie Dutton seconded the motion. This motion passed. Corey Acosta and David Adair volunteered to be in charge of the club booth. Jennie Ryan volunteered to work all day Saturday. Gary Bartman wants standards around his car.

Treasure's Report and Swap Meet: Our spending is right on track with our budget. Thank you all for signing up for club duty. Remember there is a \$500 penalty for missing your duty. Terry and Aleta Worthy will man the Swap Meet Information Booth. They need volunteers. Remember this qualifies as Swap Meet duty.

Car Display: Leonard Dutton will coordinate this.

Membership: Jessica has updated our roster and this will be available at the March meeting.

Ahoogha News: Dave Hawbecker would like information on what we are doing for our cars to include in the newsletter,

Mileage Trophy Award was won by Kirk and Rene' Matteer with 2,782 miles driven last year.

National Meet: Roger Green reported there were 186 registrations and 75 signed up for the Hubley races. Seminars and tours are filling up.

Tips and Leads: Lynn Sondenaa needs help with pictures for an upcoming article in the Restorer. Pictures needed are an oil pan with engine sludge, valves with vanish, battery disconnect switches, both under the hood and inside the seat riser.

Tours: Corey Acosta wants members to sign up to lead tours.

Drawings: 50-50: Ron Baird won \$58. Membership Drawing was missed by David Metzger who was absent. Name Tag was won by Roger Green.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully, David Adair, Secretary

## BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by President Kent Uhl.

Present were: Chad Worthington, Ron Baird, Dave Hawbecker, Jessica Acosta, Debbie Dutton, Kent Uhl, Corey Acosta, Mike Worthington and David Adair. Guests were Leonard Dutton, Donna Baird, Jeanie Adair and Anita Uhl.

Old Business: Donations by the club for the national meet in Pendleton. The discussion was tabled. Kent said he would talk with Pam McClafin.

Board Member Reports were applicable.

Membership: Jessica is ok with excel and a complete list of members.

Treasurer and Swap Meet: Mike stated we have 137 names in our revised roster. We have three spaces at the Swap Meet and we need to decide what we are going to do now that Rayburn Mitchell cannot run our booth. This is the 60th year of the Portland Swap Meet. Each club can display as many cars as they want at the meet.

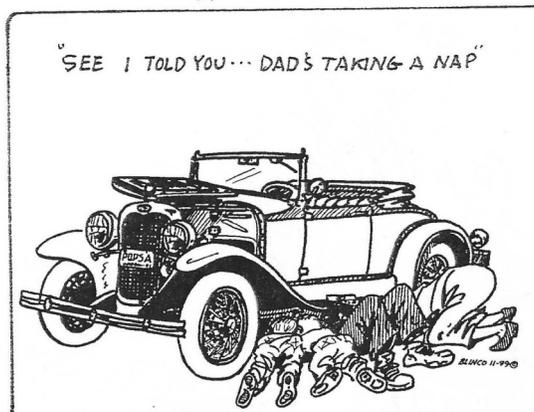
Member at Large: Chad Worthington mentioned that members in the back are having difficulty hearing at the meeting. This may be due to our sound system or excess chitchat between members during the meeting.

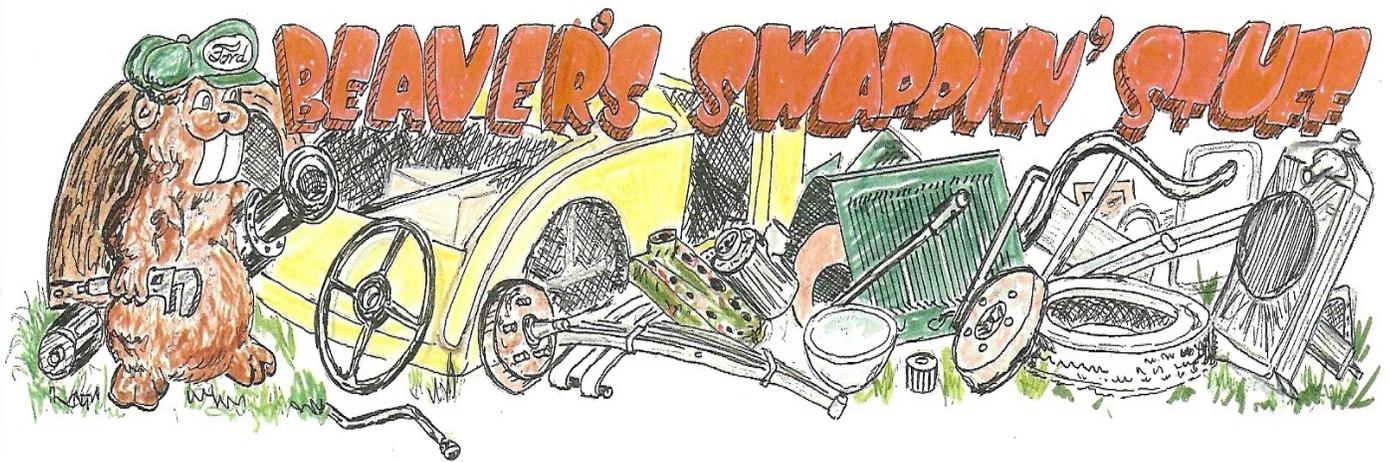
Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Adair, Secretary

## DISTRIBUTOR WORK PARTY IN MAY

A distributor work party will be held in May. Now is the time to get your parts together. A minimum requirement will be a distributor body, new shaft and bushings. More information to follow in the April Ahoogha News. Call David Adair for more information.





**FOR SALE:** '28-'31 Engine splash pans \$30. '30-'31 radiator splash apron \$25. '28-'29 fender well \$30. These are new reproduction parts. Lynn Sondena 503-781-9741 or lynsond@hotmail.com.

**FOR SALE:** Model A headlights, taillights, head, 1928 transmission, shock absorbers, foot feed bracket, exhaust pipe and muffler, luggage rack, '30-'31 front bumper. Call for prices. Ed Schroeder 971-353-9905

**WANTED:** Model A exhaust manifold. Lynn Sondenna 503-781-9741 or lynsond@hotmail.com.

**WANTED:** A good usable "Steering Column Housing" for a '30-'31. Rayburn Mitchell 503-668-0872 or 971-235-5099.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Gail Gambos Rina Uthe 1st Randy Dailey 3rd Norma Reece 6th Judy Dyck 7th  
 Dick Nelson 9th Dale Corah 10th Patrick Cline 12th Shannon Orlando and Ken Holtman 13th  
 Peter Adey 17th Greg Edwards 19th Gayna Flake 23rd Patrick La Pointe 26th  
 Sharon Stahlnecker and Dave Hawbecker 28th

### LET'S CELEBRATE YOU

Jess Acosta is creating a master birthday roster moving forward, and we would love to include you. If you would like your birthday recognized, please share your birth month and day with Jess. You can email, text or simply let her know at our next meeting. Her contact information is: Phone: 619-746-1363 or Email: Jess.m.acosta@outlook.com.

We love celebrating our wonderful members!

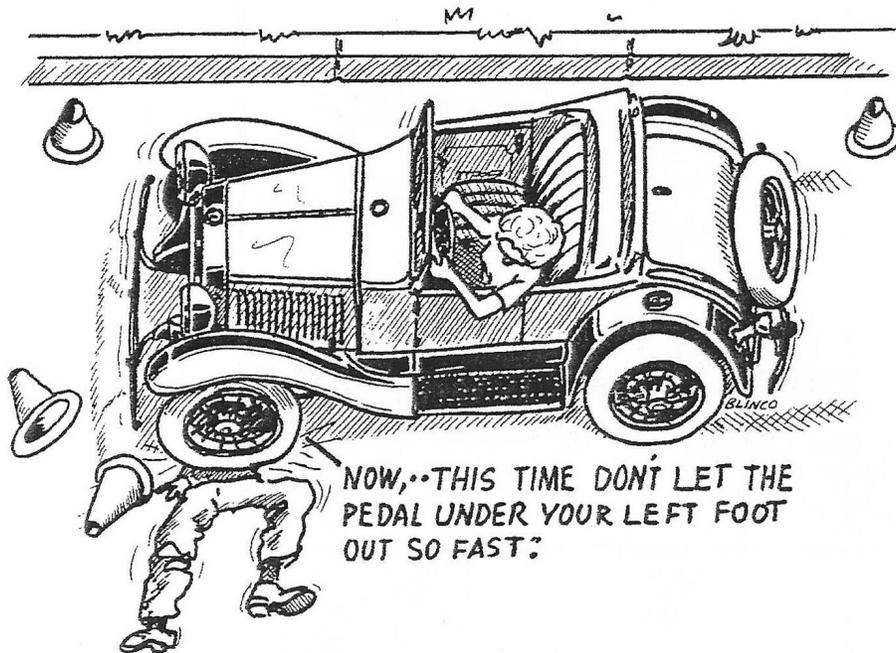


**FASHION DETAILS** By Jeanie Adair: This 1928 Model A era magazine cover provides a very nice example of what a guy could wear for golfing. A striped sweater over a cotton shirt, knickers or plus fours, tan socks and two toned wingtip shoes, and finally a cap. His golf bag even coordinates with his attire! a cotton shirt, knickers or plus fours, tan socks and two toned wingtip shoes, and finally a cap. His golf bag even coordinates with his attire!

FEBRUARY FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST— Pages 8 and 9 (courtesy of Ted Downs and Kent Uhl)







## MY MODEL A STORY

### My first car

(continued from last month)

When I pushed the clutch in, the car shot forward into the garage! Thinking I must have missed something the first time, I inspected the floor...but still nothing. Each wheel was clear of obstructions and there was nothing underneath the car.

Every time I attempted to back out, the inner tube stretched like a bit rubber band and the tension nearly stalled my engine. And, of course, when the clutch pedal was depressed, the inner tube pulled the car right back into the garage.

### DON'T DO IT!

Oblivious to any of this, I tried backing one more time. After the engine stalled again and I was propelled back into the garage, I decided to really rev up the engine and give it a lot more throttle. There wasn't going to be any stalling this time!

I was giving it plenty of gas when CRACK! There, like a bullet, went the water pipe, with spigot attached flying past the passenger side of the Model A!

Followed by the inner tube, it sailed through the open garage doors and landed in the middle of the street! Meanwhile, water sprayed all over the garage from the broken pipe.

You may be surprised to learn, I didn't make it to school that morning, but I can tell you my basic knowledge of plumbing began that day.

## WHY I ATTEND MODEL A MEETS

By Pamela McClafin

If I remember correctly, it was early 200 when my parents came for a visit. The conversation turned to how to stay busy and involved after I retired. I expressed a desire to “get an old car and learn to work on it.” My Dad’s immediate response was, “It doesn’t get any simpler than a Model A.”

At that time there was still the Oregonian newspaper. So, to the ads we went! There in black and white was a 1930 Model A Roadster for sale. “It runs” the ad boasted.” “A roadster is so cute,” my mother assured me. So off we went to take a look.

Needless to say, that roadster found a new home in our garage. The seller of that car gave me the best advice I’ve ever received. He said, “Find a Model A club and join it.” So, I did!

Over the past 25+ years I’ve gained so much more than the basic knowledge of the “simple Model A.” I’ve developed friendships with people from all over the United States and met many from around the world.

That statement “it runs” was correct but lacking in more details. I had so much to learn and it was taking me a long time to get the roadster road worthy.

As all club members know, it’s important to do your part and volunteer for a shift at the Portland Swap Meet. In 2003 while doing my club duty, there in all her glory was a 1930 Fordor Sedan for sale.

The price was fair and a fellow club member looked it over and thought it was a good running car. So, it found a new home in our garage right next to the Roadster.

That year a group of about 8 cars planned a trip to the regional meet in in Marquet, Michigan and I needed to upgrade my car if I wanted to go. Bill Jabs was selling a 1931 Victoria. I really liked that car! So, it found a new home in our garage right next to the Roadster and Fordor.

I did sell the Fordor to our neighbors and started improving the Victoria. I finally agreed, after much harassment, to add an overdrive to make it easier on the engine. At least that’s what they kept telling me. (They were right).

While we were planning the trip and route we’d take, the subject of continuing on to Niagara Falls was discussed. Why not? We would be so close. It was the BEST trip ever! We were gone for about 5 weeks.

We traveled back roads, camped along the way, just about melted in the heat on our way home, and we met some wonderful people. We also learned that there are 3 things that you shouldn’t leave home without. First is Les Andrew’s red book, second is a current national roster, and last AAA insurance.

I could go on and on about the experiences I’ve had in my Model A’s, but the most important point of this story is this: This hobby is about cars and the people who love them. They become like a member of the family. That’s true of both the cars and the people.