The Ahooga News

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Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club



Mike Worthington"s 1931 SW Town Sedan



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 $25 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 Chris Irwin507 N College, Newberg, OR, 97132. 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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The Ahoooga News is the club newsletter. Articles and contributions are encouraged and will be used as space permits. Send directly to the Editor at mandphaighthorsefarm@yahoo.com. The deadline is the Sunday following the club
meeting.





Mike Worthington Proud owner of a highly modified 1931 slant window. This car is beautifully restored and looks original, but it is a sleeper, so don't mess with Mike on the highway. It is equipped with B block with high compression head, balanced crank, v8 clutch, ,modified fuel system, 5 speed transmission, over drive, and 16 inch radial tires. It's like getting into the cock pit of an airplane with all the gauges, and different switches. This car is a driver and handles well up to 60. There is no fear of over "reving" this engine.



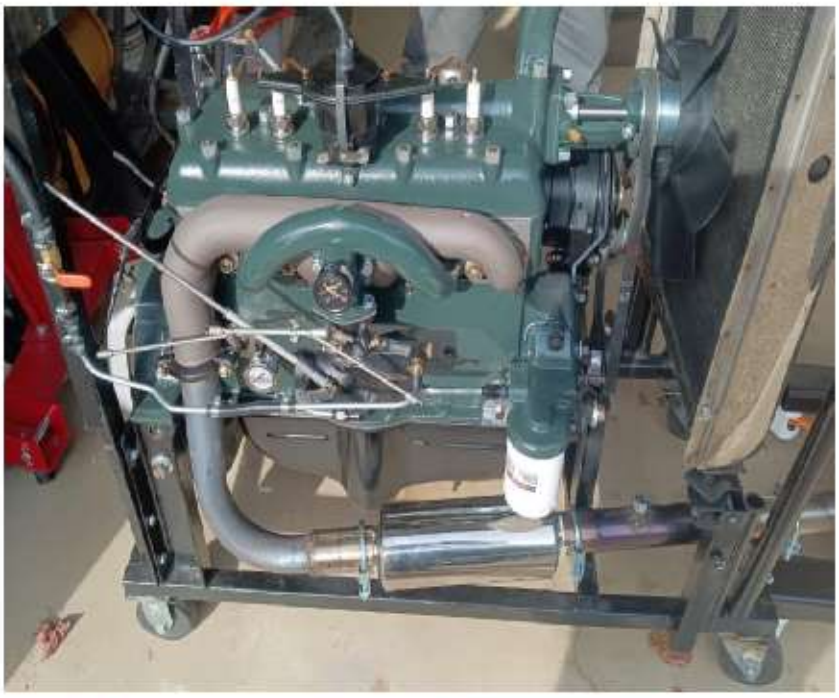
This is all you will likely see when touring with Mike. No Mike is not into AI as an extension of driving-the sign was jus t for fun.



Mike doesn't just have a shop, he has a *laboratory*! He rebuilds all types of Model A carburetors, and distributors with hundreds of his "renewed" products in his inventory.



No junk laying around and everything labeled and sorted into plastic bins. He not only well organized , but technically up on all the nuances of carburetors and distributors. As the old saying goes what Mike doesn't know probably is not needed .

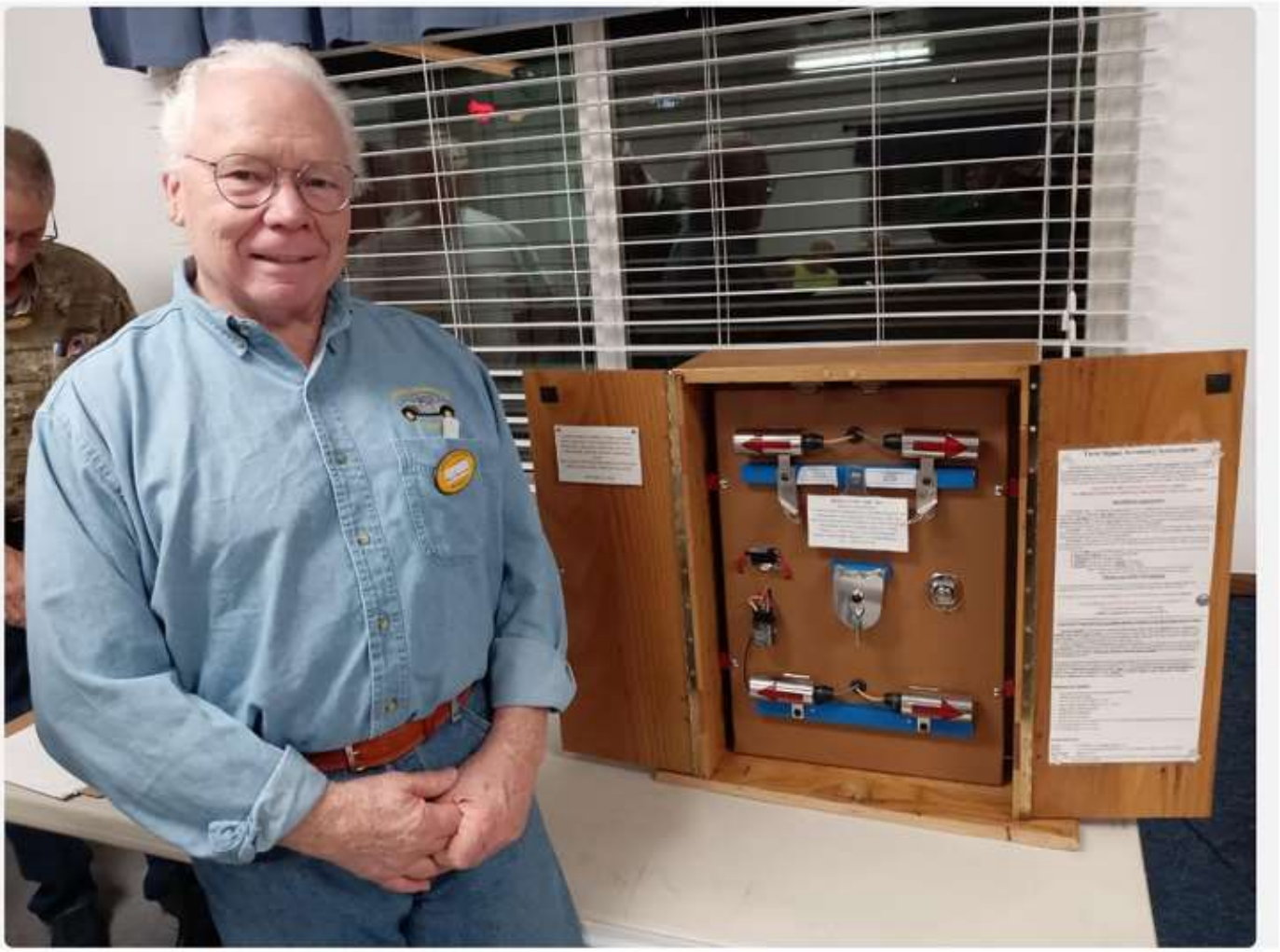




Mike's engine stand with a recently assembled by Chad set for tuning on the initial start up.

Mike is a real wizard when it comes to 'Dialing in' an engine to peak performance.

This just a sampling of how he diagnosis engine problems.



Gary Bartman shows off his recent unique purchase of a replica period correct Model A turn signal kit.



A close up view of Gary Bartman's turn signal kit.

All the components are period correct in appearance, but the bulbs, flasher, and control unit have been up graded for LED bulbs.



Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum Speedster Shop donation completed.

On Thursday, September 17th after a positive vote at our Sept 16th club meeting I, along with Chris and Tom Irwin and Vincent Dunn delivered our club donation check to the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum at Brooks. I presented the check to Ron Smith and Gary Dennis and they were thrilled with the donation and the amount of the check. It was specifically designated to be 100% for the use of the Speedster Program youth education.

They have a goal for the students to complete a Model A speedster by the end of the school year in June and I along with others are working on securing a rolling chassis and other parts. I hope to report back on their progress over the next several months.

Note that the Speedster Shop is run 100% by volunteer / mentors who meet every Thursday along with several students from local high schools and home school programs. The Speedster Shop is specifically looking for two mentors to replace those who are retiring. They need a metal working mentor for their sheet metal and body work efforts and another who is familiar with Model A Fords to assist on the speedster work.

Submitted by Gary Bartman

BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2026

Meeting called to order by Vice President Kirk Metteer at 6:03 pm.
Members present were: Michael Haight, Chad Worthington, Debbie Dutton, Kirk Metteer, Ron Baird, Mike Worthington David Adair. Guests: Vincent Dunn, Rene Metteer, and Jeanie Adair
Old Business:
By Laws changes: Article IX Section 2 is to be deleted. This was published in the October Ahooga News and it will published again in the November Ahooga News. Kirk read this section.
David Adair, I move we delete all Swap Meet References in the Policies and Procedures of our club. This is mainly on page 38, 39, and 49 of the policies and procedures as listed in our club roster. This motion was seconded by Ron Baird and passed unanimously.
Gart Barton made our National Meet refund from the Blue Mountain A's to the Brooks Museum youth Fund.
New Business:
Club Membership. It is important that all members fill out a new membership application so that our records and roster are updated with proper addresses and phone numbers. Note dues are due and they have increased to $25.00 and to add your spouse is still $1.00.
Reports:
VP Kirk Metteer: The October tour to Mike and Ginell Boell's was interesting. Debbie Dutton is planning the 2027 Past President's tour for September 10th so this will not interfere with our normal club tour date.
Treasurer's Report: Mike Worthington reported our expenses are in line with our approved budget. Our big expenses are still to come in the last quarter. Mike is also closing out the Portland Swap Meet LLC. The fees have been paid to the state, all expenses and refunds have been made and all this is in line to close this year.
General note: We do not need to pick up chairs in our club meeting hall.
Mike Worthington volunteered to proof read the Ahooga News for Michael Haight.
Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.
Respectfully submitted by David Adair Secretary.

BEAVER CHAPTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2028

Vice President Kirk Metteer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests and new members were introduced; Dale Corah introduced his grand-daughter Elaina Ivan as his special night time driver. A new member Rod Compton is looking for a 31 Roadster or Victoria. Kirk then asked Rob Oxley about his neat looking Speedster. Rob said this was a project with his dad many years ago and it was a good runner. Minutes of the August and September meeting were approved as printed. Sunshine: Brenda Casseday stated Stephen and Sharon Fancher's grand daughter had died. Mike and Una McLaughlin's son John had also died. Cherl Witkowski broke her knee cap. David Casseday is scheduled for both hip surgery and prostate surgery. Our annual Christmas Pot Luck will be Saturday December 5th 2:00 pm here at our meeting hall. There is a sign up sheet going around and you are to bring a salad, desert, or main dish. This will be a white elephant gift exchange. If you are bringing a child under the age of twelve let Debbie Dutton know. If the child is not present the gift stays with Debbie.

Old Business: The small safe was sold for $40.00. The board just voted to eliminate everything regarding the Swap Meet in our Policies and Procedures. By Law change as listed in the Ahooga News we are eliminating Article IX Section 2. Kirk read Section 2. Gary Bartman reported that our refund from the National Meet in Pendleton was given to Gary Dennis of the Brooks Antique Powerland Museum Youth Program. There are nine young men in his program this year and they will work on making a Model A Speedster. They have a rolling chassis and now they are looking for volunteer mentors for each young member. The mentoring will be on Thursdays. Nominations: Vice President Chad Worthington, Secretary Vincent Dunn and Member at Large Cody Watts. All other positions will remain as currently filled. Membership applications will be printed in the Ahooga News.

New Business: David Casseday suggested the club raffle a Model A as a fund raiser and also that we could hold a Model A Swap Meet at Antique Power Land.

Tips and Leads:

Dale Corah is restoring his MG and has had trouble finding a company that will dip metal to remove paint and rust. He found one, Action Metal Refinishing 2350 Industrial Avenue. Hubbard, Oregon Phone 503.982.2336. Brenda Casseday's daughter's father-in-law has a '29 Model A coupe hot rod for sale.

2026 Tour Season - September to December

Date	Leader(s)	Comments
November	**?**	
December	No tour generally planned.	

Tour Chairman- Kirk Metteer Ph: 503-910-4900; email: kirk.metteer@gmail.com
Please contact me if/when you would like to propose and/or lead a tour.

Beaver Chapter Model A Club - Gots and Wants

The editor apologizes for no list this month due to a fault of not being able to find the list in his office. No I do not have a dog who I could blame for eating the list. I am highly embarrassed for this problem and promises to rectify the problem by bring a pie for night at the November meeting.



PIE NIGHT coming in the November meeting

BATTERIES AT COST!!!

Hi Kent. For the past few years, a friend and fellow club member (Classic Club of America), now deceased, had an account with Battery Exchange, where he got a pretty big discount on Optima batteries. I have opened a commercial account with them, and will be offering batteries to Beaver Chapter members at my cost. Below is a summary of what I can offer:

6 volt red top--$200 with an exchange ($19) battery. The cheapest I can find are at Walmart and Amazon, both over $250
12 volt Group 25--$250 with exchange. This is not a big savings, as they can be bought at Amazon for $258.29

If people want a battery from me, they will need to come to my house and pick them up.

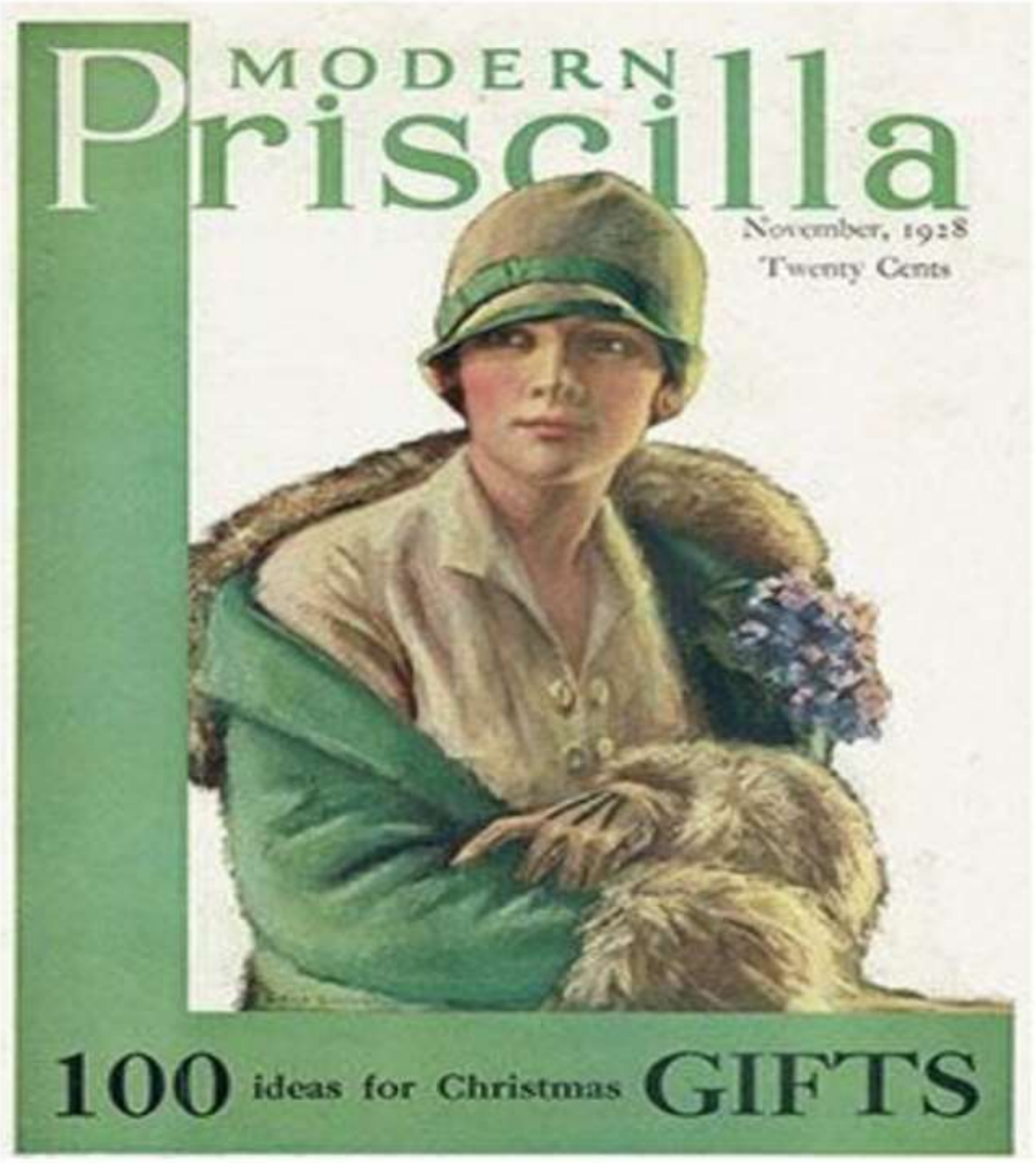
Bill Jabs 971-235-3804 wjabs@cascadeaccess.com

December 5 Christmas Potluck

REMEMBER THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER IS ON DECEMBER 5TH Our annual Christmas Pot Luck will be Saturday December 5th 2:00 pm here at There is a sign up sheet going around and you are to bring a salad, desert, or main dish. This will be a white elephant gift exchange. If you are bringing a child under the age of twelve let Debbie Dutton know. If the child is not present the gift stays with Debbie.

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FASHION PAGE



FASHION DETAILS By Jeanie Adair

This is a nice magazine cover illustration from 1928. The model is wearing a neutral colored dress, a green coat that is trimmed with a fur collar and cuffs, her cloche hat matches her outfit perfectly! Notice the large bouquet of artificial violets on her left side. She is also wearing matching gloves that are probably suede or silk. She is a good example of our Model A fashions.



Tic tock! tic tock!

went the old clock

Hickory, hickory dock

it's midnight

time for the mice

to chew wiring so nice

You go to start

all you get is smoke

and something sounding like a fart

with faintness of heart

and the grim reality

your Model a is a fatality

You hang your head and cry

neighbors near by

fear a life lost

a rare old collector car

incinerated by a few rotten mice



CODY WATTS WITH HIS NEW IDEA FOR CLEANING AND SEALING FUEL TANKS. AS CONTRIBUTED BY TED DOWNS. VERY ORIGINAL OUTSIDE OF THE BOX THINKING. YOU CAN CONTACT HIM FOR DETAILS. AS FAR AS WE KNOW THIS IS HIS ORIGINAL IDEA.

THE PREZ SEZ

First Wednesday Breakfast: We are going to start asking for a **RSVP** to the email announcement we send out about one week before our breakfast so that the restaurant has a count.

On November 4th, our Wednesday breakfast at 9:00 a.m. is planned for Miller's Homestead, 17933 SW McEwan Rd, Tigard, OR 97224.

On December 2nd, our Wednesday breakfast at 9:00 a.m. is planned for Rivershore Bar and Grill, 1900 Clackamette Drive, Oregon City 97045. Located in the Best Western Hotel across from the Oregon City Shopping Center.

Happy Motoring
KentUhl
KentUhl@gmail.com

TOUR PICTURE OF OCTOBER 3RD WEEK END



CHRIS IRWIN & KIRK METTER LOOKING AT AN OLD STEAM TRACTOR!
PICTURE CONTRIBUTED BY TED DOWNS

Interesting Collection Tour - October 3, 2026

On this beautiful Saturday, the Beaver Chapter Model A Club toured on what was advertised as an "Interesting Collection" tour. We travelled 19.6 miles over scenic country roads with very light traffic, to the property of Mike and Janelle Boell who are active members of an old-iron organization such as we have enjoyed at the Brooks Steam-up. They were hosting a wonderful event that appeared to be attended by 100 or more people.

Their collection consists of a great variety of antique and historic items ranging from an operating steam tractor to outbuildings crowded with memorabilia from the past. As an example, over 20 old-fashioned wringer washing machines were easily countable. This was a potluck gathering with barbequed pork, baked beans, corn on the cob, fresh-squeezed apple cider, home-made ice cream and fresh-baked cinnamon rolls from the wood cook stove provided by our host and several others assisting them. What a wonderful potluck! The corn was cooked with hot water from the steam tractor. An antique cider press squeezed the apple juice, and a one-lunger engine turned the ice cream maker. One of the members from Madras, David Campbell, brought two small self-made "tractors" he created from parts and pieces around his farm. Each "tractor" is powered by a small one-lunger antique engine. Several folks tried them out by put-putting around the grounds. The variety of historic treasures, a beautiful day and wonderful fellowship and food came together to make a tour that was enjoyed by all participants.
Attendance by our club: 22 Members and 14 Model A's.
Submitted by Kirk Metteer, Tour Leader