

# The Ahoooga News

April 2026

Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club



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.

#### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026

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#### CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2025

NW Regional Group Rep: Roger Green

Portland Swap Meet Reps: Mike Worthington and Leonard Dutton

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday

Refreshments: Debbie Dutton

MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin

Beaver Chapter Webmaster: Pamela McClafin. **Web Site: <http://beaverchapterford.org>**

**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 [mandphaighthorsefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:mandphaighthorsefarm@yahoo.com). The deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.



## THE PREZ SEZ

I'm grateful to the three outgoing board members: Corey Acosta, Jessica Acosta, and David Hawbecker. Their ongoing support for our club as they transition out is truly appreciated. In the four months we worked together as board members, I found three new friendships. Having served with them has only strengthened the bonds and good intentions of all enthusiastic Beaver Chapter members.

In April, the Beaver Board didn't have enough members in attendance to meet our quorum requirement. Instead, we had a casual brainstorming session and came up with some new ideas to keep the club thriving. Together, we've got an amazing team! We also proposed candidates for the open positions, and then six of our board voted via email to fill them. The new board members are **Kirk Metteer** as Vice President, **Chris Irwin** as Membership Coordinator, and **Michael Haight** as Editor. A special thank you to these folks for stepping up! Please send Newsletter articles to Michael and annual Membership renewals or address updates to Chris.

Kirk oversees tour scheduling. Check our club calendar for more information and updates.

Past President's tour is to the MAFCA National Convention scheduled for May 31st to June 7th in Pendleton. Debbie has arranged a Beaver Chapter dinner at the Long Branch Cafe & Saloon in Weston, Oregon, on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Multnomah County is having a centennial party on May 30th to celebrate the Burnside Bridge's 100th Anniversary. Our club is invited to be part of the celebration and display a few Model A's. You can reach out to Michael Haight for more details.

May 6th Breakfast: Stanley's Corner, 9:00 – 11:00, 19905 McLoughlin Blvd, Gladstone. No first Wednesday Breakfast is planned for June.

Happy Motoring,  
Kent Uhl

### **Club Notifications**

Please, bring your items for the basket from our club to be raffled off. Have a few good things but we need more. May meeting will be last chance to add more to it. Thank you Jennie.

Also here are pictures of our Beaver booth at the 60th anniversary of Portland car swap meet.

## MEETING MINUTES

BEAVER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 15, 2026 The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by president Kent Uhl who also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced; Austin Haight 29 Sport Coupe, Jake Rehlinderbu 30 Sport Coupe and Michael Wickum, the son of Jared. Minutes were approved as printed. Roger Green reported the national meet preparation was going well and there is now over three hundred reservations. Debbie Dutton said as part of her past presidents tour there would be a dinner at the Long Branch restaurant in Weston. This will require a \$25.00 deposit which will be refunded to those who show up for dinner. Kent reports that our club is still looking for an editor. Membership and Tour chair replacements are Chris Irwin as Membership chair and Kirk Metteer as Tour chair but lacking a quorum the board could not vote on approving them. This will be taken care of with an email vote from all board members. Sunshine: Brenda Caseday let Kirk Metteer explain that Renee broke her hip in a fall on their patio and surgery was Wednesday am and that therapy will start on Thursday. Brenda then stated that a former member Diana Hudson (Pam McClafin's sister) was in the hospital with cancer. Brenda then said the club banquet is Saturday the 2nd of may at 2:00 pm. The first fourteen Mod el A's will be able to park inside and please bring a piece of cardboard to catch the drips. "T" shirts are on order and will be handed out at the banquet. Distributor workshop will be this Saturday 9:00 am at Bill Jabs shop in Eagle Creek. Saturday April 26 will be the tour. Kirk will start us out at 8:30 from the garden center end of Can by Fred Meyer. We will have breakfast at the volunteer Fire Department of Monitor and then tour to the Aurora Airport to visit a vintage airplane repair/restoration hanger. Saturday May 29th there is a 100th year celebration of the Burnside Bridge in Portland and they would appreciate Model A's coming. Treasurer's Report: Mike Worthington reported that we are on budget. Membership: Chris Irwin said 2026 rosters are still available. Raffles: 50-50 Chris Irwin won \$64.00 and Nametag Anita Uhl won \$25.00 First Wednesday Breakfast will be at Stanleys Corner in Gladstone at the corner of McLoughlin Blvd. and Arlington Street. Motion to adjourn was at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Adair Secretary.

## 2026 Tour Season - April to December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader(s)</u>	<u>Comments</u>
May 2	Caseday	Annual Banquet
May 31 - June 7	Debbie Dutton	Past President's Tour to National Convention in Pendleton.
June July 25	Ron Baird Uhl	Mini Golf tour at Damascus Days Picnic
August 22	Irwin	Farm Tour
September	Adair	Shady Dell miniature RR tour - Molalla, OR - Bring lunch
October		
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.**



## SWAP MEET REPORT

Swap Meet Report By **Mike Worthington**

Leonard and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's swap meet. Sixty years ago, six local car clubs worked together to hold a swap meet. Remarkably, today those same clubs continue to work together to put on the Portland Auto Swap Meet. This event is only possible because of the volunteer efforts of club membership. There are about 500 volunteer duty assignments required to support this effort, with each club filling about forty duty slots. The remaining 250 duty slots are filled by the swap meet committee members. The swap meet is an LLC owned by the six founding car clubs, and its continued existence is only possible with your support.

The Swap Meet Committee is in the process of finishing up the books for the 2026 Portland Swap Meet. Financial results for this year's swap meet are not yet known. This includes ticket revenue from EXPO, and bus and traffic control reimbursement from PIR. As you know, for a variety of reasons, things are costing much more again this year. The Swap meet is not exempt from this unfortunate turn of events. The general cost growth that we have incurred this year is on par with last year.

Again, we would like to thank those who contributed to this year's successful event. If you missed out this year, mark your calendars for the first weekend in April. As always, if you have any concerns, comments, or questions about the swap meet, or the swap meet committee, please contact Leonard or I and we will do our best to get you an answer.

Thanks for reading this, Mike Worthington

Swap Meet pictures by **Jennifer Ryan**

Here are pictures of our Beaver booth at the 60th anniversary of Portland car swap meet.



Our club members in these pictures are, David and Jeannie Adair and Art Pugsley, Mike McLaughlin. Our thanks go out to all who participated in manning the club booth at the Swap Meet.

## 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

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## DAMASCUS DAYS JULY 25TH FLYER KENT UHL



**SAVE THE DATE FOR A FUN RELAXING AFTERNOON!!**

# CLUB SEMINARS

## **DISTRIBUTOR WORKPARTY**

A little after 9:00 am I realized that some who had signed up were probably not coming and it was time to get started. Mike Worthington gave an excellent seminar on **Model A Ignition System Basics**. This was a good lead in to our hands on work. Bill Jabs set up one heavy duty work station with a 1/2" x 3' x 4' steel plate on steel sawhorses. This made a solid station for the arbor press and a place to hammer if needed. He also arranged five tables so we could spread out and there would not be more than three men to a table. In this arrangement no one was crowded.

Our cadre was: Gene Scott parts and repair kits for sale, Gary Bartman checking condensers, Mike Worthington set up to measure cams and check continuity , Chad Worthington roamed and helped where needed and David who organized this event, provided tools and tried to help if needed.

Attending were: Vincent Dunn, Cody Watts, Ted Downs, Leonard Dutton, Tom Winterrowd, Jim Bliss, Dale Witkowski, Jarred Wickum, Rayburn Mitchell, Art Pugsley, Daily Holman, Bill Jabs, and Larry Peters.

After Mike's seminar we spread out and started working removing bushings. A few men already had the bushings out and were able to press in and ream new bushings. We discovered the repair kits had a wire for connecting the lower and upper plates that was much too long. Cutting this off and soldering a new connection really slowed us down.

Mike told me that he had to leave after lunch. Not wanting this to happen to quick I delayed lunch from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. Mike departed and soon after that men with finished units started to drift away. Not everyone ended with a 100% finished distributor. However everyone had a body with new bushings and a fitted shaft. I am confident that everyone can finish their assembly at home. Lastly Mike has volunteered to check cams, just give him a call.

I want to Thank each and everyone for your part in making our work party a huge success. Thank You  
David Adair

## NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR CLUB



1929 Pickup Gary Bartman. This is a very rare roadster pick up.

Gary Bartman new addition



## **Monitor Fireman's Breakfast/Historic Airplane Restoration Hangar Tour**

On a beautiful Sunday, April 26, 2026, 12 Model A's and 20 Beaver Chapter members gathered at Canby Fred Meyer for a tour over about 17 miles of country roads to the Monitor Fire Station to participate in the annual community breakfast. At the Monitor Fire Station, we were joined by nine members from the Newberg/St. Paul area and six more Model A's. After a great breakfast and the chance to mingle with attendees, our tour group ventured over approximately 18 miles of country roads to the Aurora Airport where we were given an exclusive tour of historic airplanes in various stages of maintenance and repair. The two employees who gave us the tour and explained the specifics of individual airplanes, volunteered their personal time to open the facility specifically for our tour. A big THANK YOU to Cameron and Tyler for this special opportunity they provided Beaver Chapter members. (And incidentally, Cameron and Tyler very much enjoyed seeing the 18 Model A's pull into their parking lot!) Everyone went their own direction from the airport.

### **Another memorable tour!**

#### **Compliments of Kirk Meteer Vice President**

#### **Jokes and riddles for the Month**

How many Model A's does it take to make good tour?

What causes the steering wheel to shake when sitting still?

When driving a Model A at freeway speeds what is the main concern?

Who the heck was Barnie Olfield?.

How fast can your Model A really go? Be honest.

BRING YOU ANSWERS TO THE MAY MEETING . ANYONE WITH MORE THAN ONE RIGHT ANSWER WILL RECIEVE A RED TICKET.

