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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 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 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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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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**Have you mailed your Membership Renewal in yet?** Avoid an additional \$5 fee by sending it in before January 1st. Remember there is an added fee of \$25 if you want to receive the newsletter in the mail. No cost for email!

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### December Birthdays

Janet Hinkel	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Cathy Smiley	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mac Zirges	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Redding	8 <sup>th</sup>
Gordon Neumann	10 <sup>th</sup>
Gloria Zirges	10 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Shaw	12 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Moore	12 <sup>th</sup>
Lloyd Higgins	12 <sup>th</sup>
Penny Haight	19 <sup>th</sup>
Gary Dexter	20 <sup>th</sup>
Bobbie Barnett	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Patricia Fiedler	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Suzanne Winters	25 <sup>th</sup>
Pam McClafin	25 <sup>th</sup>
Chad Worthington	26 <sup>th</sup>
Tim Robinson	27 <sup>th</sup>
John Nieder	31 <sup>st</sup>

## President's Column December



Have you paid your dues? Please do so before the end of December. Here it is mid-November and I am writing my December column so it will meet the newsletter deadline. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully Covid-19 will be a thing of the past, but it is rearing its ugly head with force again. The 2021 MAFCA regional event in Boise, Idaho scheduled for June has now been cancelled.

My favorite part of writing the President's column are my Shout outs. People need to be positive and get along, not turn into complainers. Life is so much more fun when you have a positive outlook on life! My first shout out goes to David Adair who had another Tiny Tip printed in The Restorer. It was titled, "Securing Windshield Snaps". If you have an open A then you know all

too well about snaps staying in place. My second shout out goes to Tom and Chris Irwin who have recruited the most new members for 2020. They have owned this record for the past several years. Good job Tom and Chris! My third shout out goes to two Board members: Jeanie Adair (editor) and Mike Worthington (treasure). Even though we as a club have not had meetings their work is still required each month. Jeanie produces an award-winning newsletter each month. She has to do research to find technical and fashion articles to print. Mike has to pay the bills and balance the budget. Taxes, insurance and CD's still need work. So those two Board members are still having a very high workload.

With this bringing a close to the 2020 calendar year, I also have shout outs for my other Board Members. It was a strange year with only having two general meetings and five Board Meetings. The work still went forward. VP Tom Winterrowd had tours planned just in case the Covid-19 restrictions were dropped. He is also working on quarterly breakfast get togethers. He has his sights set on January and February tours. With all of the cancelations he has stayed positive and keeps us moving forward. Thank you for this Tom. Member-at-large Debbie Dutton is our main swap meet representative and has had to deal with many problems tied to the swap meet due to Covid-19. She has kept her head up and keeps working hard. Please remember the swap meet is our source of income for the club. Debbie also fields complaints for the general membership. She had to deal with complaints about the newsletter cost and the rolling over of the Board. You should be proud of her; she kept the complainers names in confidence as she brought the complaints to the Board meeting. I would ask of the folks that complained about the officer rollover into 2021 to come up with a positive solution when we as a club can not meet at our meeting place. Our secretary, Kirk Metteer had to have a very fast pen and mind to keep up with our meetings to produce accurate minutes. He did a fantastic job and is to be praised for his effort! Membership Rayburn Mitchell has kept the directory up to date and is busy collecting 2021 dues. His work is also active as phone number changes, address changes are updated each month. I really appreciated what he did and we will miss him on the 2021 Board. Someone out there needs to step up and fill his position. Sergeant of Arms, Rene Metteer had a new task of the inventory for the club. She has the AV inventory, club equipment, treasure equipment and tool trailer and tool contents. It is now compiled on paper and on memory stick in one location for easy access. Chris Irwin as past-president used her experience to keep the Board running in a straight line. Without these people your club would not be the club it is. They need your support and appreciation for the dedicated work. I know I really enjoyed their support and I am looking forward to working with them in 2021. Stay safe! ~ Lynn

Pointing out the good in others helps us find the good in ourselves.

# Jim's Tech Tip

Installing the Horn Rod



When installing the small C-clip on the end of the horn rod, use an old wooden yardstick or something similar up at the steering wheel end to hold the horn button down. Slip the yardstick under the wheel on one side, go over the horn button, then gently flex the yardstick and slip the end under the steering wheel on the opposite side. The yardstick will hold the rod down while you work at the other end, pushing up on the spider against the spring, and inserting the C-clip keeper.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?  
Avoid an additional \$5 charge by renewing before January 1s!**

## Jim's Technical Tip by Jim Cannon - Rattles Under the Hood

Very few things are as annoying as a persistent rattle under the hood while you drive your Model A. Of course it stops when you pull over and look under there!

Here are some things that I have found over the years can sound like a rattle under the hood:

- The radiator support rods. They come loose at the radiator or at the firewall.
- The engine pans. Just one loose bolt/nut can rattle like crazy (hard to find).
- Hood support/prop brackets. The ones that "fold in" will rattle if closed all the way; open it back up 1/2" to separate the halves from touching.
- Brake rods. Jiggle them by hand. You may need to install some of the oversize clevis pins to tighten things back up, or replace the return/anti-rattle springs.
- Tools and things under the seat. (I found a large screwdriver once in my side curtain pan, way in the back, that was causing a rattle that I chased for 2 years!)

I hope thi helps you track down that annoying rattle. In a future Tech Tip I will cover potential sources of other annoying noises in your car. Until then "Have a Model A Day!" Jim

I get to help Jeanie by proof reading for errors. I especially liked the fact that Lynn Sondenaa gave so many accolades to members on the board and in the club. The one person he skipped was his self. No one really wants to toot their own horn. But we need to recognize Lynn and the fact that he had not one but THREE articles in *The Restorer*, and these are helpful articles. The ones you want to make copies of to keep as a handy reference, especially the tables on taps. So my hat is off to Lynn for continuing contributions to our hobby. ~ David Adair

**FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST MEET UP HAS BEEN CANCELED! DUE TO COVID**

Dear Beaver Chapter,

We wish to thank you all for the many years and all the friends we made throughout the years. Don has served as president and editor. We joined in 1962. The men and women met separately! Myself, Marilyn Pugsley, Lois Smith, Lily Burdick and Patty Brost started getting the women in Fashions. I became a fashion judge. Also, 29 years ago I was elected 1<sup>st</sup> woman president at the NW Regional Group. Don and I worked on the Swap Meet, and were on the 1<sup>st</sup> board for the swap meet. Don and I worked on the swap meet committee for 50 years. Time marches on. We sold our "A" to Amanda Uthe. Don is not able to drive now. We are moving to Gresham as Don's health isn't good. Keep those "A's" running and enjoy. Thanks again, Don and Ruby Knudsen



### Winter Sportswear

Skiing was a popular sport during the Model A years. This ad is a good example of what could be worn.

First a bulky wool sweater, wool jodhpur pants, long wool socks cuffed over his leather boots, a wool scarf and hat. His gloves look like they are leather, but another option would have been wool. If the weather was really cold you can bet long johns were worn as underwear for another layer of warmth. They would have been wool or cotton. (Remember, the only fabrics manufactured during the Model A era were wool, cotton, silk and rayon.)

The model on the right looks dapper in his fedora hat, overcoat and scarf.

Style was important to the men as well as the ladies.

This ad is from a 1928 *Saturday Evening Post*.

~ Jeanie Adair

### Do You Need Another Covid Project? ~ John Nieder



Try this if you've run out of projects: I scrounged an old 19" wheel, sand blasted it and painted it. Then I mounted it on a 4x4 post set in concrete. I got a tire stem and some 1/2" - 20x36 all thread, nuts & washers, lug nuts, and a hub cap. I mounted it on the post with one all thread through the post & two on either side into a metal bar in back.

So what do you think? Is boredom getting the best of me?





## My Two Cents By Mike Worthington

It has been a while since we got together, and I hope that this finds you well. The order of the year seems to be change and uncertainty. I am not very good with change, or uncertainty, and perhaps like many of you, I am suffering from isolation fatigue. I was pretty happy with the old normal and not too interested in a new version.

Although inactive, the Beaver Chapter is still here, and intact. Over the last half a century the Beaver Chapter has seen many changes. The early years were limited to a few guys getting together to drink beer and talk about cars. From this narrow beginning, the club has grown into a robust, family focused, social club with an interest in Model A Fords. While social events and car tours are enjoyable, the real fabric of the club is the monthly meeting. Meetings are the time to renew old friendships, and welcome new additions.

There is not much we can do as a group until the mandated restrictions are lifted. There is however something that each of you can do to help ensure that the Beaver Chapter picks up where we left off in February. Get out your membership directory and call two members. Perhaps someone you know, or better yet, someone you have never met. Friendships begin in many ways, and you might be pleasantly surprised. See you soon.



This typical wool felt hat is from a 1930 Wards catalog. Its an off the face mode with a short back. A grosgrain ribbon that runs through the brim gives a color contrast to the front. The ribbon could circle the hat, but we can't see that. It also features a pin on the turned up brim. And what a price!

~ Jeanie Adair



The pump is set at 17 cents per gallon. Our family has owned that pump since it was new. It started out at a small gas station out at Roy Oregon that a cousin owned. When I restored the pump about 25 years ago I asked a great uncle for some details. The station was a "Signal" gas station. They thought fuel was 17cents a gallon at the time. When the station closed the pump was bought by our farm and was used for several years. I vaguely remember pumping the handle to get fuel. I think Dad bought his first electric pump in the mid 60's. I tried to restore it secretly, but Dad caught me in the middle of it and we did a little better job than I had planned. It is actually due to be repainted again. Too many projects.... Dan Brentano

“Get Me Out of Here” ~ Pam McClaflin (continued)

Jim and Adeane Patrick were in charge of the next day that would take us to Missoula. We stopped by a ghost town on our way. It was a little out of the way, up a gravel road, and to the top of a hill. Tom Winterrowd had a few more problems but with Terry Findley’s help he made it up to the ghost town and back down. However, 16 miles from Missoula, Pam noticed that Tom was no longer in the rear view mirror. He was stopped again. It was getting dark and Tom and Terry were running out of ideas of what to do next. Oh man! The only option seemed to be to call a tow truck. Tom’s pickup was taken to the motel in Missoula and the work began the next morning. Tom borrowed another distributor from Terry and he was back on the road! Yea!

Orofino was the next stop. David and Jeanie Adair planned our route there and took us on Highway 12 through more beautiful country. We had to drive through a wild fire on our way there. It was certainly a wakeup call and made us more aware of what our fire fighters have to deal with. It was a great day for everyone in spite of Tom’s continuing car problems. What’s a tour without a few seminars? That night with the help of his friends Tom found out the fuse block was shorting out and causing his problems. Finally, no more missing, back firing, or stopping.

Day six took us to Walla Walla and Lynn and Anne Humble planned the day. They provided a great car trip activity. We had to find various things along the way to take pictures of them.

There were things like a picture of a chicken, a yellow flower, a blooming tree, a fire truck, a personalized license plate, and so on. It was a great idea. The day went by fast and that night we had our last group get together where Lori won the award for the most pictures. She found all but 3. All the ladies decided she was able to win because her husband would turn around and go back to something she need to photograph. What a guy!



The final day back to our homes was planned by Tom and Chris Irwin. We all met in the parking lot for good byes and hugs. Stan then presented the Beaver Chapter Damn Award to Tom Winterrowd. Stan said if anyone deserved it, it was Tom! With about half of us living on the West side and half the East side our groups coming back was determined by our addresses. We pulled off the road one last time just out of Walla Walla because Tom’s pickup was again missing and running very poorly. The coil was changed and “voila”, it was fixed! Everyone arrived home safely maybe a little tired but happy.

Those not mentioned but on the trip are Diana Hudson and Bruce and Manijeh Ernst.

With all these difficulties, you would think we would all be wondering if we want to do this again. But the answer is an easy one. We are already planning for 2021!

### FOR SALE

I have a new spindle bolt set with king pins for sale. \$50 Cathy Blunt 503-319-3626

**FOR SALE:** I converted my 29 coup to a 12 volt system so now I have parts I don’t need. 6 volt misc, lights, head lights; electronic ignition ( 10 hours). Radiator w/ shroud. Steering wheel, 2 coils,1 side rear glass, gearshift lever, Misc, small items- all new. All are in good condition Great prices

Bill Griffith 503 661 6128 bill46grif@aol.com

## The Saga of Model A Hubcaps ~ Jeanie Adair

We have had the hardest time with the left front wheel on the Sport Coupe this year. We have lost three hubcaps! All of this on the same wheel. And as you know hubcaps are not cheap! The strangest thing happened, we had a zip lock baggie left at our entry the other day. We had been home all day and didn't see anyone. This photo shows what was in the baggie. The enclosed note is below:

*Dear Mom and Dad,*

*I felt so abandoned. I thought you loved me... But, driving down the road, you spun me off and abandoned me! I looked up expecting to see your brake lights blink on... But NO, you just kept so heartlessly driving away and left me stranded helplessly on the road. There I lay all heartbroken and afraid of being smashed beyond recognition. BOO-HOO-HOO!!! I was soooooo sad!*

*Now that I have found you again, I hope you NEVER, NEVER, NEVER heartlessly abandon me again. Cherish me, please, at least as much as your most useless clock which gets the warmth, safety and comfort of your cozy home. I'M SO HAPPY TO BE HOME!!!!!!*

The hubcap even has a couple specks of green paint on it and of course one scratch. So we are thinking that someone found one of our missing hubcaps! But who? We've thought of about three people who it might be, someone who would go to all this trouble of returning it! We would like for the individual to come forward so we could properly thank them. And help us solve the mystery... (By the way, there are still two more of the "brethren" out there somewhere!)



Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

Accept what's happening in life right now, put what's happened behind you, let it all go and have faith that good things are coming your way.

### Membership Coordinator -

We still need someone to fill Rayburns position. You can talk to him about what is required for the job. 503.668.0872



*Merry  
Christmas*

It is realizing that a great dream is not as good as a great memory. The dream can be had by anyone. The memory must be made. What memories are you making?

