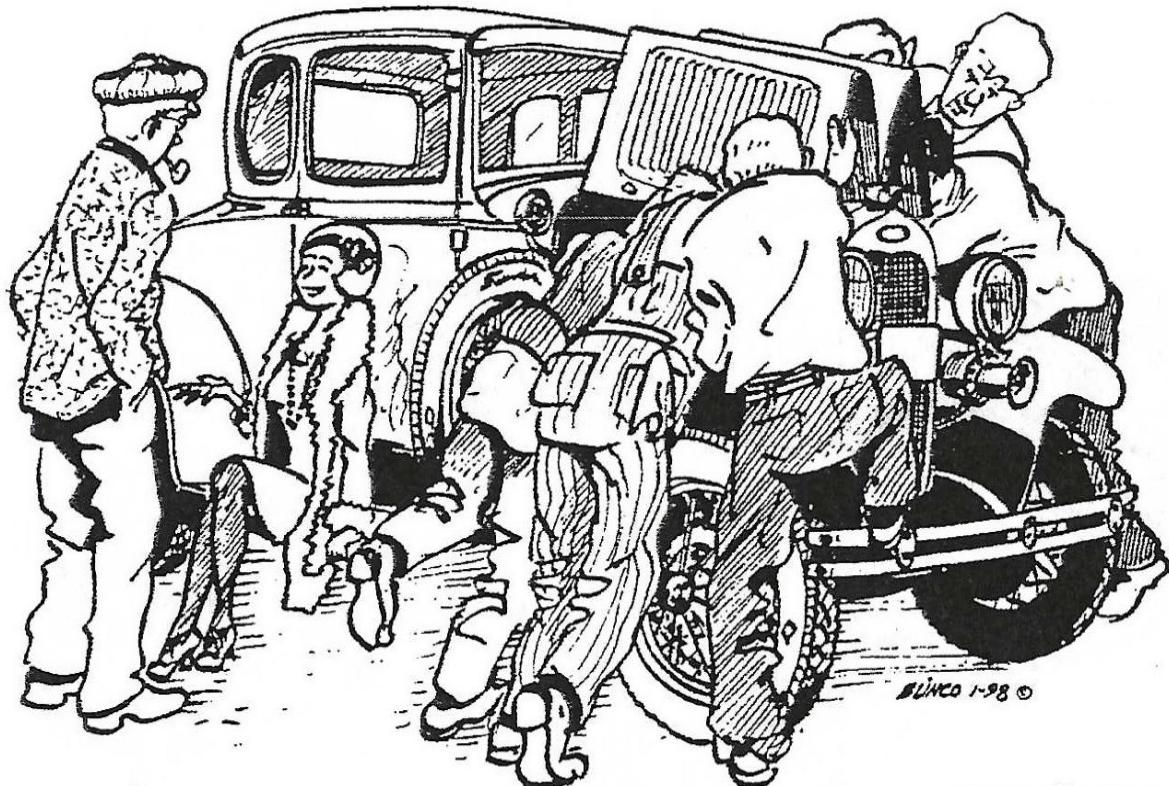


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BEAVER CHAPTER MODEL A FORD CLUB

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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Sunshine: Brenda Caseday

Refreshments: Debbie Dutton

MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin

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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 or 2222 Matterhorn Ct. West Linn OR 97068. The deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all the members that contributed to our January meeting's success. Working together, we gathered and organized all the necessary items and logistics for the event. Our membership continues to foster a welcoming and positive club environment, making our gatherings enjoyable for everyone involved.

Our January breakfast at Biscuits Café in Canby was well attended, with 20 members present. This strong turnout reflects the enthusiasm and camaraderie within our group.

Looking ahead, the next "First Wednesday" breakfast is scheduled for February 4th at Sunny's Diner in Tualatin, with another meeting to follow on March 4th at IHOP in Oregon City. Members are encouraged to suggest future breakfast locations as we continue this tradition.

The January meeting focused on important organizational matters. The club reviewed and unanimously approved the expenditures for 2025 and the budget for 2026. Additionally, a proposed change to membership dues for 2027 was discussed and passed without opposition, ensuring the club's financial stability moving forward.

Vice President Corey introduced new fundraising initiatives to support the club treasury. Further details about these initiatives will be shared as plans develop, providing members with opportunities to participate and contribute to the club's ongoing success.

Planning is underway for the MAFCA National Convention, scheduled for May 31-June 6 in Pendleton. Additionally, preparations for our local Beaver Chapter tours and tour leader sign-ups will begin at our February meeting. Members interested in leading tours or contributing ideas are encouraged to get involved.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and participation. Wishing you all Happy Motoring as we look forward to another great year together.

Kent Uhl



FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

February 4th –9:00a.m. Sunny's Diner 7107 SW Nyberg St. Tualatin

Beaver Chapter Club Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

New president Kent Uhl opened our meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were no guests or new members. Kent asked if there were any corrections to the November minutes. Being none it was moved and seconded to accept the last minutes. Motion approved.

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday reported that David Adair had a fall. She said there is nothing planned for the Club Banquet in May yet. Thank yous were extended to Brenda and Debbie for their efforts for the great Christmas Potluck.

Treasurer: Mike Worthington had two financial reports that the Board approved and membership needed to approve. The first one was the Annual Financial Statement for 2025, and the second was the Proposed 2026 Budget. Mike does a fantastic screen presentation. After some discussion both passed unanimously.

Swap Meet Club Booth: Rayburn Mitchell cannot continue this position. We are asking for a volunteer to take over the running and staffing our club booth. This was tabled for the February meeting.

Tire Tickets: Corey Acosta handled the Red Ticket Tire drawing. 1st Place winner was Rayburn Mitchell, 2nd Place was Jeanie Adair, and third place was Terry Worthey. Remember to save those red tickets! Tour planning was mentioned and be sure to put the 2026 MAFCA National Meet on your schedule.

Jessica Acosta announced that the Name Tag Drawing winner was Mike Popiel. Remember to wear your name tag - you've got to wear it to win, and it helps us all remember names.

Tom and Rodger handled the 50/50 tickets. Jennie Ryan was the winner this time.

Editor: Dave Hawbecker asked for tips and leads for the newsletter.

The club has inventory to dispose of : A laptop and projector. See pictures in the newsletter. They will be for sale at the February meeting.

Thanks you Brenda for the refreshments and another thanks goes to Ted for the beverages.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Jeanie Adair

Acting Secretary

BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2026

New president Kent Uhl called the meeting to order at 6PM. Board members present were Mike Worthington, Corey Acosta, Jessica Acosta, Dave Hawbecker, Chad Worthington, and Ron Baird. David Adair was absent, but Jeanie Adair took minutes. Debbie Dutton was vacationing. Other club members present were Anita Uhl and Donna Baird.

Kent stated there was unfinished business regarding Dues Change for 2027. It need a motion at the General Meeting. Also Rayburn Mitchell cannot continue to lead staffing our Club Swap Meet Booth. This will be addressed at the General Meeting.

Mike shared our club is in compliance with the annual MAFCA registration. He has the club tax material ready for Chris Irwin who handles our tax return.

Mike need two motions:

1. Review 2025 annual financial report with recommendation to present at General Meeting.
2. Review summary of 2026 budget with recommendation to present at General Meeting.

Both were presented and approved.

Corey talked about fundraising, the website, and tours-he would like to know what we have done in the past.

Dave Hawbecker discussed the snail mailing of the club newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted, Jeanie Adair, Acting Secretary.

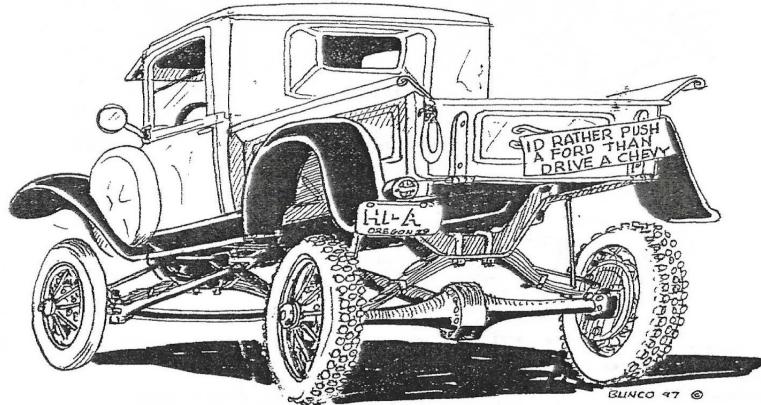


FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gary Dawson, Bob Oxley and Dan Brentano 2nd August Lehto and Penny Murphy 4th

Randy Selvester 7th Lisa Mitchell 15th Lynn Humble 18th Ron Whitworth 20th

Mary Lynne Pugsley 22nd Linda Downs 27th



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Mileage Award for 2025

Last year (2024) I won the mileage award with 4,203 miles. In 2025 my mileage 624. Beat that!

I thought I would recap the previous winners of this award:

2007 Bill Jabs, 13,191 miles

2008 Diana Hudson 5,742

2009 Jim & Adeane Patrick 5,476

2010 Lloyd & Darleen Dilbeck 3,777

2011 Tom & Chris Irwin 4,185

2012 Pam McClaflin 8,311

2013 David & Jeanie Adair 2,693

2014 Mike & Una McLaughlin 8,228

2015 Mike & Una McLaughlin 3,839

2016 Pam McClaflin & Terry Findley 4,485

2017 Mike Worthington 4,304

2018 Tom & Chris Irwin 3,615

2019 Tom & Chris Irwin 3,312

2023 Tom Winterrowd 3,755

2024 Roger Green 4,203

All of that averages to about 5,000 miles in a year. So go out to your Model A, write down the date & mileage and let's see who can put on the most miles in 2026!

Please send your 2025 mileage in to Kent Uhl (kentuhl@gmail.com), if you don't Roger will win it with 624 miles!



FOR SALE: 1928 5 Main Cam \$75. Tom Irwin (971) 222-5841 or irwintc@outlook.com.

FOR SALE: Numerous Model A and Model T parts and a 1914 MT Speedster. Ed Schroeder 503) 655-4311 or Edwinschro@comcast.net.



The items below are from the club inventory and will be offered for sale at the February meeting. If no offers they can then be given free.



Projector to lap top



Dell laptop running windows 7. More than 10 years old.





1928 Models

The pheasant sleeves are attached to the cap sleeved frock of red velvet. This dress is fuller than most.

The black and white model sports another interesting two toned sleeve topped with embroidery.

The jumper of this third frock, left, is slender and long waisted, featuring a wide belt, two embroidered patches and a narrow ribbon of color on the collars edge. The narrow pleats finish the garment.

The final brown dress is a typical 1928 design. Long waisted, long sleeved, V neckline with a lace insert, a self fabric bow at the top and another at the hipline.

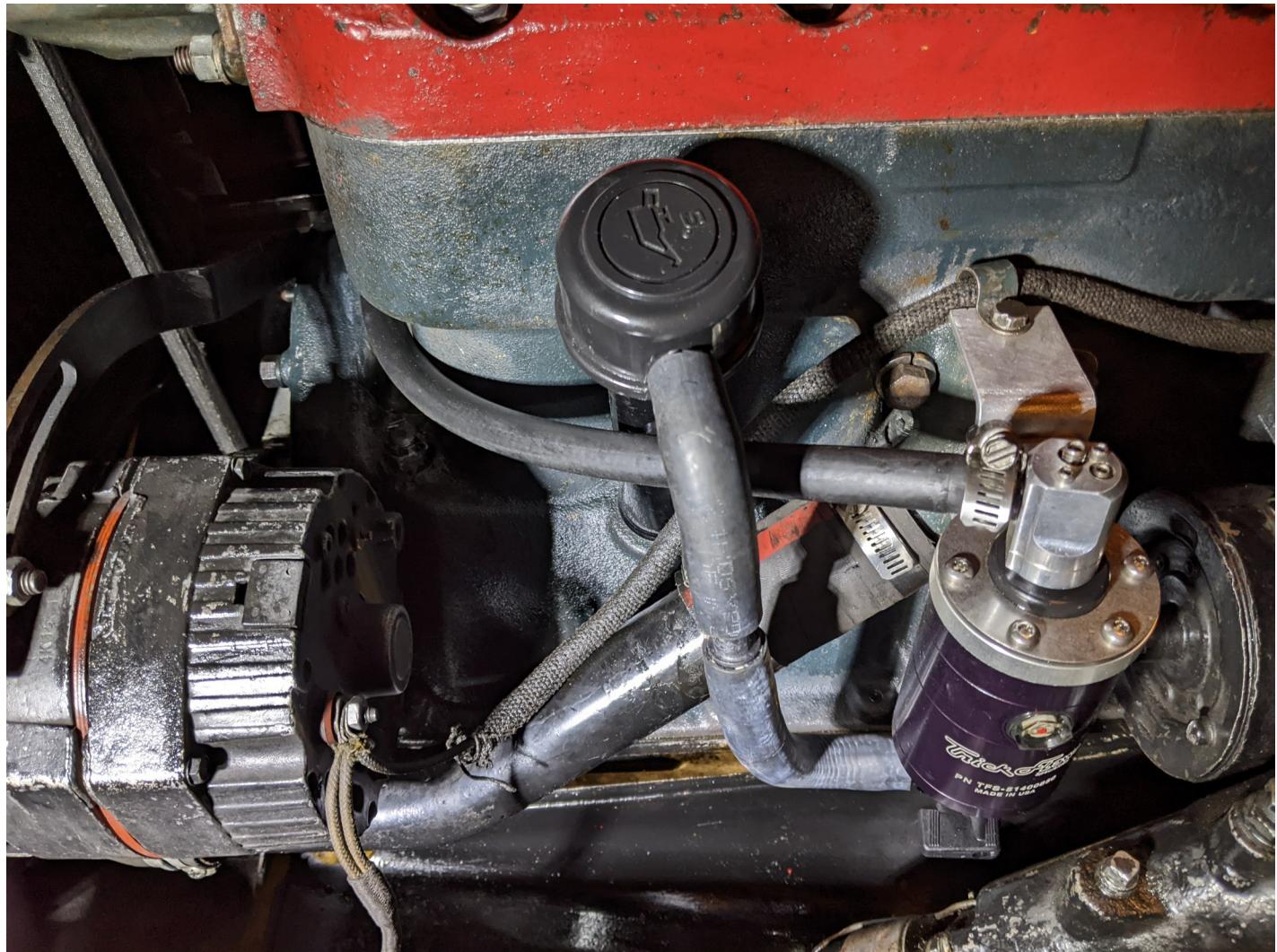
Now take a look at the hats. They are worn low on the forehead, are tight fitting and have no hair showing. Again all typical for early Model A fashion.

Fashion Details by Jeanie Adair

PCV INSTALLATION

I have enjoyed my 1929 Murray Body Fordor for 23 years. It was a basket case originally coming from Arizona with most of the interior wood gone. On one of our tours to Visalia, CA for a regional meet I had a babbitt problem with a “Rebuilt Engine” in which I lost all the babbitt on #2 and #3 main bearings. I replaced the engine with an H&H touring engine. I had been following the Burtz engine development and purchased a #98 when it became available 3 years ago. Then I read about the Wagner Dual Flow PCV system and Gary Bartman’s article and used his assistance. After some initial problems, it is working very well. I had an oil leak on the crank bearing #1 on the bolt/nut on the outside block. No more. The PCV system manages blowby gases and unburned fuel, reducing moisture and acidic vapors. In short, helping our engine run better with less emissions with a much longer life. Gary will be giving a seminar on this system at the Pendleton Meet. **Tom Irwin**

I have over 2500 miles on the PVC (positive crankcase ventilation) system in 31 Fordor blind back sedan. I continue to have oil samples analyzed on engines that have PVC systems and those who do not so I can present the comparison at the national meet in May/June. The main benefit of a PVC system is the reduction or elimination of engine oil leaks especially if they are the result of blowby crankcase pressure. My sedan has no oil leaks while running and only some seepage during storage. **Gary Bartman**



MY MODEL A STORY

My First Car

From Reminisce, April 2000

By John Gruneberg Sr.

That Model A was a beautiful sight in the fall of 1938, her black body glistening in the golden September sunshine. With bright red wheels and painted whitewall tires, she certainly was spectacular—so was the yellow sign stuck on her windshield: \$25..CASH.

I was only 15, not old enough to drive in Pennsylvania. But I did have \$25, so I took my life savings and bought that Ford Model A Roadster.

The wait was tough, but I finally turned 16. After passing the state driving test and being given my license, I was on the road. Now is when I began to experience flat tires....a lot of flat tires.

For these emergencies, I'd accumulated five or six extra inner tubes that I kept patched and ready for immediate use. This way, I could replace a flat in no time.

Our garage was long and narrow and could hold more than one car if parked bumper to bumper. My Model A was usually parked in front, with the family car behind it.

My mother wanted it that way because she didn't like moving the Model A. She said those two levers on the steering post, the spark and throttle confused her.

One memorable morning, the family car was gone, so I had the length of the garage to back out my Model A. She started faithfully as usual, then I put her in reverse and turned my head to watch while I backed out. As I slowly backed, the engine started laboring as if it were to stall. I quickly depressed the clutch pedal and was still looking backward when ZOOM...the Model A shot forward back into the garage.

Luckily, I'd turned my head just in time to apply the brakes and keep from hitting the front wall of the garage. Since our garage floor was level, I thought perhaps I'd backed into something. Getting out, I walked to the rear of the car. There was nothing there, so I looked underneath. Nothing there either. I got back in and started to back out again. One more the engine nearly reached the stalling point.

(to be continued next month)

