

# The Ahoooga News

*May* 2019



This lovely photo of Tom Irwin's 1930 Deluxe Roadster is last years Photo Contest winner. As you are out and about in your Model A look for good backdrops to take a picture of your car. Then enter your photos in the contest this year, you might be the next winner!

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## BEAVER CHAPTER MAFCA 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 signed 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. Mail to: MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress Ave., La Habra, CA 90631.

### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2019

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### CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Tom Winterrowd; Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton; Historian: Lloyd Dilbeck; Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symanck; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin.

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.**

Correspondence should be sent directly to the Editor: [jadadaja@msn.com](mailto:jadadaja@msn.com) or mailed to 895 Hazelwood Dr. Oregon City, OR 97045. Other newsletters may reprint article as long as credit is given to the author and *The Ahoooga News*.

**Beaver Chapter Web Site:** <http://beaverchapter.shutterfly.com>

**Refreshment Hosts:** Mary McConnell is coordinator and will call each volunteer to remind them.

**May** - Rene Metteer; **June** - Dixie Wyllie; **July** - Jennie & Tom Ryan;

**August** - Tom Winterrowd; **September** - Pam & Terry; **October** -

Shirley & Glenn Slack. **November** is Pie Night - everyone is asked to contribute a pie so we can gobble till we wobble! Thank you to all of you who volunteer to bring refreshments for the club meeting - everyone enjoys them.

SNACK  
TIME



## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

I'm sure most of you are aware of the great car museum we have just south of us in Brooks, Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum, but did you also know that many Beaver Chapter members have had considerable involvement in this facility. Almost from the get go, **Bill Jabs** has done a major part of the engineering of this building and has spent many hours in its construction. The museum had a recent donation of a theater pipe organ and **Tom Popelka** is part of the team working to get this organ assembled. **Pete Smiley's family** has donated his speedster to the museum which they are very

grateful to this addition to their collection. **Tom Winterrowd** has been a constant supporter of the museum and has spent many hours with students who are learning to build a speedster from the ground up. This speedster program has probably been a big help in keeping many teens from going down the wrong path.

I'm sure there are a number of other members that have also supported this museum but these are the most recent volunteers that I am aware of. The museum also has many volunteer opportunities, especially during the summer which is their busiest time of the year. You can visit their website, [www.nwcarandcycle.com](http://www.nwcarandcycle.com), for information on their education and where you may wish to consider volunteering. They have now completed the new showroom and meeting room. Pay the NWVC&MM a visit, I'm sure you will not be disappointed.

### Chris Irwin, President

#### Sister Mary Ann's Gasoline

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but could she wait until it was returned? Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, She carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried it to her car. As he was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic!"



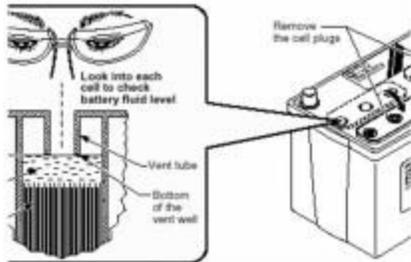
#### Cleaning Hack - Clean Nooks and Crannies with Slime

Yep, I said slime! This miracle "tool" is so great for cleaning vents, keyboards, and any other nook and cranny that is hard to get into. If you don't know what slime is ask any kid under 10! Slime is available at craft stores or toy stores, there are multiple cleaning slimes you can order online or you can make some yourself. Look for a recipe on the internet.

## Jim's Tech Tip

### Water In The Battery???

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Yes, if your Model A battery has caps that you can remove to see inside, you need to add water to the cells on a regular basis. Charging the battery boils the water off while you drive. If the plates inside the battery are exposed to air, it ruins them and reduces your battery's storage capacity. So you need to check the water level about once a month.

Unfortunately the battery access plate in the front floorboard provides a small opening to work through. Not very easy to add water to each cell. I've tried pouring water in from above and just made a mess!

Here's my tip: Get a plastic syringe (100 to 150 cc) from a pharmacy or feed store and put a 6-8" piece of vacuum hose on the end of it. Pour some distilled water into a clean cup. Now draw water up into the syringe and use the hose end to squirt water into each battery cell, to bring the liquid level back up to the bottom of the vent well (see figure).

Remember that this is sulfuric acid in the battery. Don't splash it up by spraying the water into the cell too fast. Don't let the end of the hose go into the acid. Please wear safety glasses while working around a battery.

Have a Model A Day!  
Jim Cannon



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### 2019 Swap Meet

Debbie and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's swap meet. Fifty-five years ago, six local car clubs came together to hold a swap meet. Over the years the swap grew in size, changed venues, and for several years was held in conjunction with a car show. Today the Portland Antique Auto Swap Meet is a major undertaking with three thousand vendor stalls and an attendance of about twenty-five thousand.

This event is only possible because of the volunteer efforts of the club membership. There are about 600 volunteer duty assignments required to support this effort with each club filling nominally sixty slots. The remaining 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 Beaver Chapter's share of the proceeds is the major source of our annual revenue and is used to fund our meetings, newsletter, tours and social events.

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 and we will save you a duty slot. As always, if you have any concerns, comments, or questions about the swap meet, or the swap meet committee, please contact Debbie or I and we will do our best to get you an answer.

Thanks for reading this, Mike

It's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters.

**1929 Fashion Page From *Elite Styles*.**

This is a nice assortment of fashions that a lady would have worn different times of the day in the summer of 1929.

The first sleeveless dress, on the left, has a deep V neckline that ends with a tie; the dress front forms another deep V down the front while the skirt has small pleats all the way around.

The center evening gown is a nice shade of lavender. It features the uneven hemline that was so popular; notice that the main body of the skirt is straight, while the uneven



9018D  
WORN BY JULIA FAYE  
IN "DYNAMITE"

DESIGN 9018D  
*Low-in-back and higher-in-front is the décolletage sponsored by many couturiers for evening. Skirt drapery on this crepe gown is also chic. Material required for size 16-5¾ yards crepe, 40 inches wide. Designed for sizes 14 to 20.*

lengths are another layer that wraps around the skirt in handkerchief panels. Another panel drapes long from the left shoulder.

The final dress on the right has interesting blocking of two shades of material. Notice the "bloused" effect that attaches to the straight skirt that has wide pleats on one side. This dress almost has a military feel with the striped insert at the front closure, the flap button closure itself, the chevrons on the sleeve and another stripe on the forearm. Also notice her two toned shoes.  
~ Jeanie Adair

**It's hard to make a comeback  
when you haven't been anywhere.**  
Written in the dust on the back of a bus  
Wickenburg, AZ



## Beaver Chapter Board Meeting, April 17, 2019

**Call to order:** 6 PM, Approve minutes of March Board Meeting.

### Reports:

**Past President:** Richard Starkweather – President’s tour update. 28 people signed up with 14 cars.

**Vice President:** Barbara Henderson, Tours Announced the April tour. She also, mentioned the May tour to be led by Tom Winterrowd. He has a 75 mile tour planned with a focus on pickups - all cars welcome, but the trucks will lead the way.

**Treasurer:** Ron Forehand gave the monthly budget report and a detailed Quarterly budget report. The key points are:

- Dues are down somewhat
- Investments are performing well. Higher returns than expected.
- Expenses are on target with the annual budget.
- The club expenses and income are at about 37% of the budget which is expected and correct for this time of the year.
- The scholarship fund is needing revision as the club's donations for the year 2018 were done in 2019.

**Sergeant-at-Arms/Swap Meet:** Mike Worthington Mike had nothing to report for the Sergeant at Arms. The Swap Meet report will be available in a month or so. He reports that the attendance was down probably due to weather. Also, he noted that the Swap Meet committee is now struggling with making changes due to the sale of Portland Meadows. Mike asked the board for authorization to reserve our normal club spot at the Expo as soon as possible. The board approved this request.

**Membership:** Rayburn Mitchell reports we had 6 new members sign up at the Swap Meet booth.

**Member at Large:** Tom Popelka reports all is well with the members.

### New Business:

Review Bylaws - The Board went through the Bylaws and made some updates/changes.

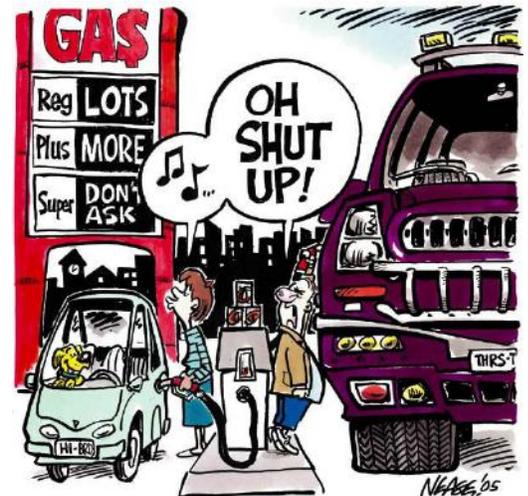
**(The proposed Bylaw changes are on a separate page - see page 8 in this newsletter.)**

The board had a brief discussion on changes needed for the Policies and Procedures. It was decided that we needed to table further discussion to the May board meeting. Adjourn at 7:12 PM.

Respectively submitted, Michael Haight, Secretary

## April Seminar Review

Mike Worthington’s seminar was titled “Roadside Repairs” but is better described as how to diagnose electrical problems in the Model A. He has constructed an electrical simulator that exactly duplicates the entire ignitions system. The schematic even has the wires in the correct color. Each electrical component has a volt meter to display the current being drawn. With switches Mike can simulate what happens with an electrical failure (haven’t we all had a problem with this). He then demonstrated how we can check for a problem with common tools we should carry such as a volt meter, a probe tester with a light, or a homemade tester we can make by soldering a wire to a light bulb. This was an excellent demonstration how we can check the electric system when there is a problem. Mike also emphasized that his test board is available for you to visit at his garage and become more proficient in testing for electric problems you might have. Give him a call.



**“He who cannot be a good follower cannot be a good leader.”**

- ARISTOTLE

## **April 2019 Beaver Chapter General Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance. Reminder: Get your raffle tickets, identify mystery part. The minutes were approved for the March meeting as printed in the Ahoogah News.

**Welcome New Members:** Gail & Ed Saldana, Gail's parents were Jack and Marge Stoll.

**Refreshments:** Thank you to Richard & Bonnie Starkweather for providing the refreshments and Ted Downs for providing the drinks.

**Name Tag Drawing:** Gene Scott announced Mary Proffitt won the \$25 Name Tag Drawing.

**Tips & Leads:** Rayburn Mitchell received a two-page advertisement at the swap meet from a family advertising two nice Model A's being sold out of an estate sale for very reasonable prices. We passed it around for the club to review. Lynn Sondana and Rayburn went and looked at the cars and found them to be in relatively good condition and only needing an initial startup.

**Treasurer:** Ron Forehand provided the monthly treasurer report.

**Vice President:** Barbara Henderson announced the upcoming tour for Saturday April 27th. Details provided in our monthly news letter. She had Tom Winterrowd announce the May tour which he will lead.

**Membership:** Rayburn Mitchell stated that we signed up 4 new family units (6 total), at the swap meet. They are: Benny Cassel, Dan & Cynthia Higgins, Gail & Ed Saldana, and James Swartz. We now have a Town Car in our midst, although James informs me that it is in pieces.

**Editor:** Jeanie Adair drew Mary Proffitt's name for the mystery part contest.

**Swap Meet:** Mike Worthington reported on the Swap Meet and said generally the attendance was down due to the weather. He will give an updated report when the final dollar amounts earned for the clubs are calculated. He also, said the Swap Meet committee is processing many new ideas about what, when, and how the Swap Meet will be conducted next year as Portland Meadows is not going to be available. He and Debbie Dutton will stay on as the club's representative for the swap meet. Chris Irwin and the club thanked them for their commitment and diligence.

**Past President:** Richard Starkweather reminded the club it's not to late to sign up for the Past President's tour in September. So far there are 28 people and 14 cars.

**Sunshine:** Brenda Caseday reported that Bob Erickson passed away, there was no service but we had sent flowers prior and a card after his death. Dave Caseday had a cardiac scare and was hospitalized for 3 days but was released with a clear prognosis! We sent him a card!

**Historian:** Lloyd Dilbeck was back home after wintering in the desert and reported he has moved the club's library to the tool trailer at Ted Downs, contact Ted to check out items.

**Raffle:** Lori Symanck was not at the meeting so her husband Stan performed the duties for the raffle drawing.

**Membership Drawing:** Steven Bee won \$125! Rayburn Mitchell also reported that the swap meet booth was successful and netted a lot of interest. He recommends that the club needs to review how we will present itself next year. His idea is to create a volunteer position of "booth ambassadors" for 2020 that would oversee and coordinate the volunteers to man the booth. The club booth is a great opportunity to promote Beaver Chapter and attract new members.

**New Business:** David Adair asked if the club had any interest in purchasing men's green shirts with club logos. The costs will be approximately \$35. Bill Henderson showed the club the final edition of the tour emergency kit and explained its function.

**Break:** 5 minute break to purchase raffle tickets.

**Seminars:** Mike Worthington presented the seminar titled "Model A Ford Roadside Repairs". The ladies gathered to learn about ladies lingerie during the Model A era.

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting** 8:15 PM

Respectively Submitted, Michael Haight, Secretary

There are times when my greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut!

## BEAVER CHAPTER BY-LAW PROPOSED REVISIONS

### Article III – Membership

*Deletes are in red, changes are in blue.*

#### Section 1.

*D. Family Members: Shall be the immediate family members of an active member not otherwise covered by membership in The Club. They shall not receive a membership card, a roster of members, a copy of the Bylaws nor The Club's monthly newsletter and other mailings. They shall not hold office nor have the right to vote, but they shall be entitled to all other benefits of The Club and MAFCA.*

**Explanation for deletion:** This section not needed due to spouses and youth members already covered in B. and C.

#### Section 4. Dues

A. *Family members and* Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

**Explanation for deletion:** No longer need mention of Family Members

C. If received after that date a \$5.00 late fee will be charged *on Club dues.*

**Explanation:** To clarify that the late fee is charged only on Club dues and not MAFCA dues.

#### Section 6. Resignation

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the *Secretary Membership Coordinator*

#### Section 7. Reinstatement of Expelled Members

Upon written request signed by the former member and filed with the *Secretary Membership Coordinator.*

**Explanation:** Membership Coordinator has charge of membership activities rather than the Secretary.

### Article VI – Officers

#### Section 9. Membership Coordinator

She/he will be responsible for publication of the club roster for distribution to all members of the club *by the January meeting*

**Explanation:** Depending on dues payments and completion of roster it most likely will not be available by the January meeting.

### Article VII – Finances

#### Section 3. Checks, Drafts, Etc.:

*The checking account shall not exceed \$2,000 unless approved by the Board of directors.*

**Explanation:** This dollar amount is now outdated due to changes in club expenditures. Treasurer shall determine checking account amount based upon upcoming expenses.

### Remember - save the front row for Model A's!

With the advent of spring weather it was nice to see a lineup of Model A's in the parking lot for the



April club meeting. Left is Tom Winterrowd's '29 Pickup and Lynn Sondenaa's



Doug Inglis drove his '29 green Pickup.

'30 Victoria... Right is Tim Robinson and his dad Glen with a '30 Coupe.



# Portland SWAP MEET



I spotted a couple Model A's for sale, plus a lot more "modern" cars that were polished to attract attention.

The Portland Swap Meet was a wet one this year! Just ask Mike Worthington who was out at Portland Meadows all weekend parking cars!! Above is the Beaver Chapter Club booth. Rayburn Mitchell (right) and Mike Kelly (center), a MAFCA Board Member, were promoting new memberships.





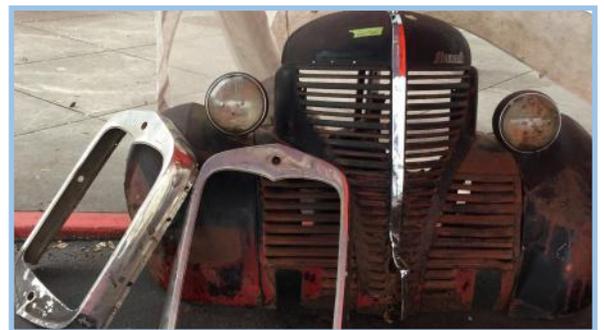
Stacks and stacks of new tires... vintage license plate collection... and a fire to keep warm by... I even spotted a barbeque.

Thank you all club members who served duty at the Sway Meet!

Visions of vintage still dancing in my head... There was a bit of antique clothing, but not much...



You could hire a young kid to haul all your great finds to your vehicle.



"Cars" came in all makes and models, shapes and sizes... from Hot Wheels, to Hubley, to full size.

Parts were bright and shiny to dusty and rusty. Hope your memories of the Portland Swap Meet are memorable.





**FOR SALE:**

Four very good 19" black wall tires (I'm going to Radials) \$300 David Adair 503.655.3189 or email dc31a@live.com

Fiberglass fenders for 30/31 Model A: (Front fenders list for \$400 each) Pair for \$175; Rear fenders (coupe, pickup, roadster list \$300 each) Pair for \$100  
2 splash panels, \$50 for pair. Great shape, like new. Tom Irwin 503.538.5227

1933/34 Model B carburetor (B-2), completely rebuilt, new jets, float valve, etc.; field tested in 1931 pickup \$135. Tom Irwin 503.538.5227

4' x 8' folding trailer \$250 obo, good condition, stored inside. Andrew Jackman 503.658.6270

1931 Model A Phaeton body only, nice. \$3,500 Frank Vanbeek 503.668.4075

**Things to Think About on the Model A** - The engine pans were stock on the Model A. They fit between the engine and frame. Their main purpose is to reduce air turbulence under the hood, promoting better cooling. They were also used to prevent dirt, water and mud from reaching the distributor and carburetor. ~ from the *Script A News*

**Welcome "new" and "newer" members to Beaver Chapter!**



Gail

Gail Saldana has inherited her dad's Model A coupe. Many of us remember her parents Jack & Marjorie Stoll.

I incorrectly identified



new member Jeff Orlando as Dan in last months newsletter! Jeff is in the new roster. Sorry!



Jeff



Steve Terry

**On the Move...** Our long time member Mary Wohlgemuth has a new home. She is in a private home with 4 other guests. She would love company or a note from her friends. She will turn 101 this year! Here is her new info: 503.760.0396 10254 SE Isaac Dr. Happy Valley, OR 97086

**New Members:** These signed up at the Swap Meet  
**Please add them to your club roster.**

Benny Cassel, 3512 82nd Pl NE Marysville WA 98270  
360.859.4135 [bcassel2007@yahoo.com](mailto:bcassel2007@yahoo.com) 1928 Tudor

Dan & Cynthia Higgins 14743 SW Shoue Dr. Tigard 97224  
503.984.5769 [higgins1633@comcast.net](mailto:higgins1633@comcast.net)  
1929 Closed Cab Pickup

Gail & Ed Saldana, 5025 SW 173rd Ave. Beaverton 97078  
503.939.0022 [saldanagail@gmail.com](mailto:saldanagail@gmail.com)  
[edsaldana6@gmail.com](mailto:edsaldana6@gmail.com) 1930 Coupe

James Swartz 88 NW Towle Ave Gresham 97030  
907.250.6471 [jimswartz44@gmail.com](mailto:jimswartz44@gmail.com)  
1929 Coupe & 1929 Town Car



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**May Tour: Model A Pickup Tour**

Meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center 8AM for an 8:30AM departure. The tour is about 75 miles in length. You will travel backroads to Powerland Heritage Park, then on to lunch at the Markum Inn. After lunch you will head to TMK Farm dairy. Tour leader is Tom Winterrowd 503.263.2696 and Kirk Metteer 503.910.4900 if you have any questions. Sounds like a fun spring tour.

**Past President's Tour:** You still have time to sign up for this tour. Call the motel to reserve your room: Surfside Resort Motel 503.355.2312. Be sure to tell them you are with Beaver Model A Ford Club which will allow you a 10% discount. Rates are from about \$100 to \$168. (You will be billed for your first nights stay.) Dates are September 20th and 21st. Let Richard Starkweather know that you plan to attend. More details will be provided as the tour develops.

I was having trouble with my computer so I called my 13 year old grandson to help me.

He clicked a couple of buttons and fixed it. As he was walking back out of the room, I asked him what the problem was.

He said, "It was the 'ID ten T" issue. Not wanting to sound stupid but curious in case I had the same problem again, I asked him what an ID ten T was.

"Write it down," he said, so I did.

ID10T ... he never was my favorite grandchild anyway!



**In Memory -**

Bob Erickson passed away on March 29th after his battle with cancer. Bob was an honorary member of Beaver Chapter, joining in 1996. He loved his 1928 Phaeton and loved to tour and participate in the club.



The Model A was originally his dad's. Bob was born in 1929, moving to Oregon from Viking ND when he was four. He graduated from Molalla High School. He was an Army vet and worked for PGE doing many different jobs until retiring.

We extend condolences to his wife Darlene. She said Bob's cat even misses him. We'll always remember him sitting at the table during our meetings in his plaid shirt, handing out blue Name Tag Tickets!

Julie Peters	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bruce Barnett	4 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Irwin	6 <sup>th</sup>
Ted Downs	7 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Inglis	10 <sup>th</sup>
Una McLaughlin	11 <sup>th</sup>
Kirk Metteer	12 <sup>th</sup>
Cathy Blunt	16 <sup>th</sup>
Brenda Caseday	16 <sup>th</sup>
Ben McConnell	17 <sup>th</sup>
Leonard Dutton	20 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Starkweather	21 <sup>st</sup>
Art Pugsley	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ruby Knudsen	25 <sup>th</sup>
John Solomonson	26 <sup>th</sup>
Ingeburg Dexter	27 <sup>th</sup>
Don Knudsen	28 <sup>th</sup>
Gail Saldana	28 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Irwin	29 <sup>th</sup>