

# The Ahooga News

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George Lavacot's 1931 Mail Truck (see story inside)

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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 the Membership Coordinator Jennie Ryan at 28104 NE 72nd Ave. Battleground WA 98604.

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 90631-5515.

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Refreshments: Debbie Dutton

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**The Ahooga News** is the club newsletter. Articles and contributions are encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. Send directly to the Editor at: noe2912@comcast.net or mail to 2222 Matterhorn Ct. West Linn OR 97068. **The newsletter deadline** is the Sunday following the club meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am really hoping Spring will finally appear soon. Things have been a little soggy so far.

I'm sure you are all tired of hearing me go on about the Portland Swap Meet, but as you read this we are out at Expo preparing for opening day April 4th. There is a handful of the committee that put in so many hours year round, but when it gets closer then everyone kicks into high gear. We are very well represented in the Beaver



Chapter Model A Club and they all give 110% to pull off this huge event. The Swap Meet is our bread and butter and I very much appreciate what everyone contributes, including all of you that do club duties. We are always looking for new committee members. It is such a fun group of people and you have an opportunity to meet people from the other 5 car clubs.

Beaver Chapter Model A Club has some great tours planned. So get those A's ready to roll.

The banquet is approaching quickly so please make sure Brenda Caseday has your deposit in on time. If you do Swap Meet duty your deposit will be returned. It is always a great time and excellent food. Brenda always out does herself. I hope to see you all out at the Swap Meet!

Respectfully,

Debbie Dutton

### 1931 ROADSTER PICKUP UPDATE (Lynn Sondenaar)

As you may know Patty and I purchased the 31-roadster pickup this past summer. It has 12,500 original miles. With that being said the wood has signs of dry rot and the rubber on it is hard as a rock. So, I decided to a ground up restoration. It has been so wet and snowy that it hampers the work. I rebuilt the brake system and put cast-iron brake drums on it. I have refinished the bed wood and the bed strips. The radiator shell has been polished by me and I have the inserts painted with new lacing. I cleaned the horn and put new brushes in it. I also polished the headlights and painted ;the headlight bar. The bumper has been re-chromed and the bumper braces painted. I spent a lot of time making new wood for the top bows. They were tricky due to the curves at the end of them, but I was not about to pay \$850 for 3 pieces of wood. They are now completely done! When the weather warms up to 65 degrees the painting will start and maybe I will have it completed! At the same time, I am in the process of building our 34 Ford hot rod. The chassis is completed and I am now installing the engine and transmission. I have been very busy!

(Editor's note: Photos will follow next month)



## Minutes of Beaver Chapter Club Meeting

March 19, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Debbie Dutton at 7:26pm. Guests were introduced, Chris Jensen brought his friend Diane Tricas and Bruce Deford from the Portland Swap Meet.

We then had the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed.

Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Bruce Deford. Mike made a Power Point presentation and explained our club duties. He explained what to do if were going to be late or miss your duty. There is a penalty of \$500 if you miss your club duty. Also, he explained gate colors. Red is for moving in on Thursday and Expo parking on Friday and Pink is a bus stop. Green is for parts pickup. Purple is vender into hall E. three day passes on Thursday, and entry into the meet from duty parking. Orange is outside spaces on the West side entry into Hall C and D, Yellow is for entry into Hall A and White is ticket sales from Expo parking. Weekend passes are for sale in the lobby of Hall E on Friday. Club members can show their car for the meet in Hall C. See Mike Worthington or Dave Caseday.

Sunshine Report: Brenda Caseday. Mary Profit is in the hospital.

Banquet: Only 30 people have signed up for the May banquet. Remember there is a \$40 deposit.

Tours: Kirk Metteer will lead our April tour to a Monitor volunteer Fire Department Fund Raiser Breakfast and other points of interest in the Willamette Valley.

Name Tag Drawing lucky winner is Renee Metteer.

Club Booth: Rayburn Mitchell. Our spaces are 4197, 98, & 99. These are located NE part of Hall E.

Fifty-fifty Raffle: Debbie Dutton won \$66.00.

Ahooga News: Dave Hawbecker wants articles for the club newsletter.

Tonight's Seminar: How to achieve a black oxide finish on steel parts.

This and That: Kirk Metteer presented to Flynn Watts (at nine years old Flynn is our youngest member) instructions how to crank a Model A.

Dale Corah related that at a prior swap meet a guy came to the space Dale was manning to pick up the tires that he paid \$400 for. There were no tires and Dale was at a loss for a few minutes so he sent them to the Swap Meet Office. Debbie Dutton (Swap Meet Treasurer) heard the tale of woe about the missing tires and wrote a check to the guy to cover his loss. Dale just thought this was a nice story and should be shared.

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm

Respectively submitted by:

David Adair, Secretary.



Beaver Chapter Board Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Dutton at 5:59 pm. Board members present were Mike Worthington, Dave Caseday, Leonard Dutton, Ron Baird, Kent Uhl, and Jenney Ryan. Guest was Jeanie Adair.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Worthington reported the club finances were in good shape. Swap Meet Report: Mike Worthington reported the swap meet was in just a few days and that everything was all set. Also that he and Bruce DeFord would do a video presentation of members responsibility while pulling club duty at the swap meet.

Tour Report: Dave Caseday stated that Kirk Metteer would lead us to the Monitor Fireman's fund raiser breakfast and to other points of interest in the Willamette Valley. He also stated that Corey and Jessica Acosta has finally received a '30 Tudor which was inherited from Jesica's father. Dave Caseday, Roger Green, Tom Ryan, and Dale Witkowski all met the Acostas' to help trouble shoot and get the car to run. The crew had great success, all that was wrong was the battery was dead which was replaced. The car then ran just fine.

Membership Report: Jenney Ryan reported we had one new member joined and a lapsed membership was renewed.

No other board members had any reports.

Respectively submitted,

David Adair, Secretary



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Anne Humble and Dan Higgins 3rd Mike Popiel 5th Joyce Murk 6th

Carla McGillivray and Mary Proffitt 8th Peppi McDonald 10th Tom Winterrowd 17th

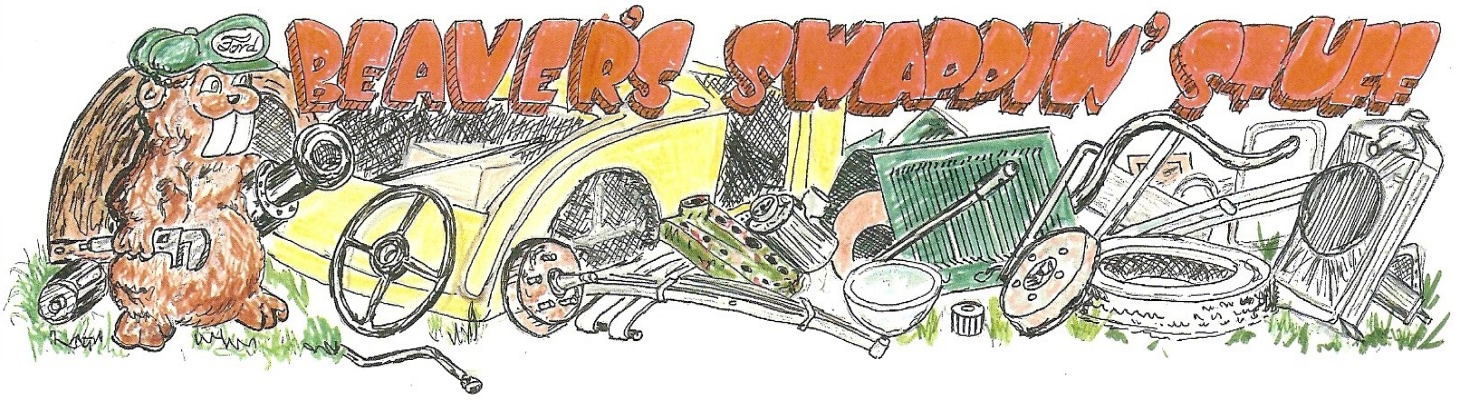
Glen Robinson 18th Chuck Lawrence and LeRoy Naffin 21st Jan Jones 26th

Tanya Johns and Barbara Whitworth 28th

OUR ESTEEMED PRESIDENT AND SWAP MEET GURU





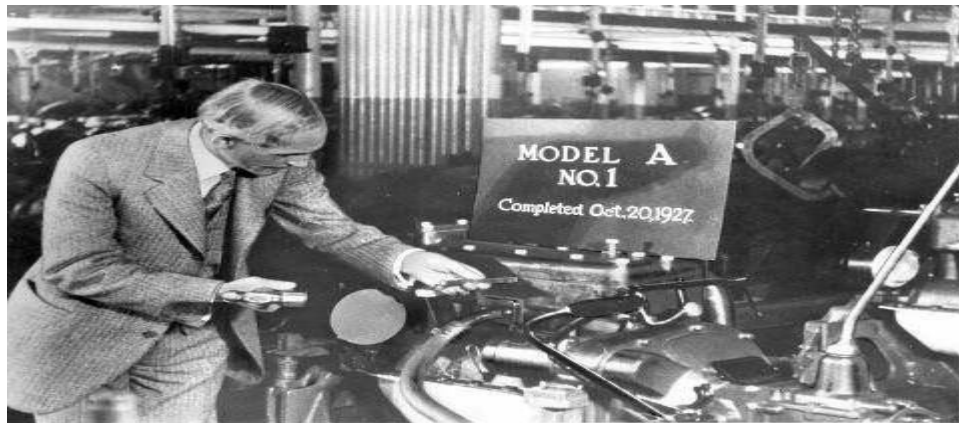


**FOR SALE:** Rebuilt front backing plates complete \$240. Rebuilt rear backing plates complete with emergency brake assemblies \$450. Lyn Sondena (503) 781-9741 or lynnsond@hotmail.com.

**FOR SALE:** I have made arrangements at a high quality rebuild shop for Model A pressure plate rebuilds and heavy duty clutch disks. Pressure plates are \$120 (with rebuildable core) and clutch disks are \$85 (no core required). Contact me for details. Bill Jabs (971) 235-3804.

**FOR SALE:** Model A, T and early V8 Ford parts. Ed Schroeder (503) 655-4311.

**WANTED:** 1930 Coupe front fenders left with well. Cody Watts (503) 260-6603.



### NW Vintage Car Museum UPDATE

Recently Gary Bartman and I visited the Speedster Shop in Brooks. Gary had not been at the Museum and was interested in the work at the shop. Gary Davis is the head of the shop and has received a lot of new equipment including a 1200 lift and a second Media Blaster Lath for cranks in the machine shop. They are rebuilding a couple of engines presently. I had not visited the shop for a couple of years and I saw a lot of equipment including an upholstery shop, a metal fab area etc.

The students are from the Salem/Kaiser school district, home schooled and others including a 13 year old who wants to learn about welding. There are a group of volunteers with different specialties that are available to work with students. It was good to see all of the good work happening with the students and their mentors.

I also heard that the All-Ford Picnic at Champoeg will be at Brooks this year.

Tom Irwin

## MEMORIES

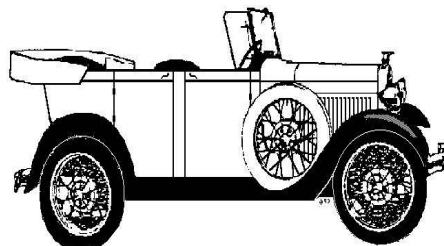
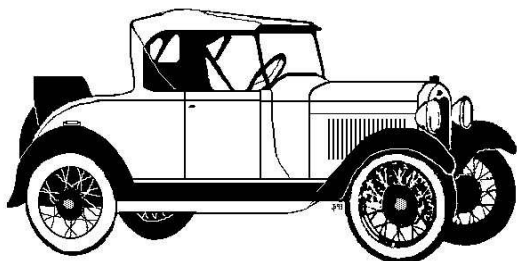
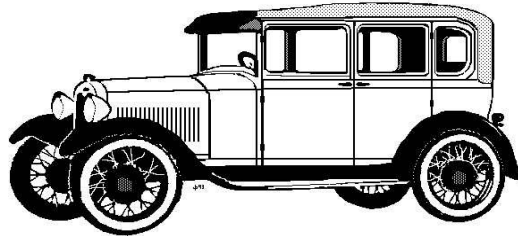
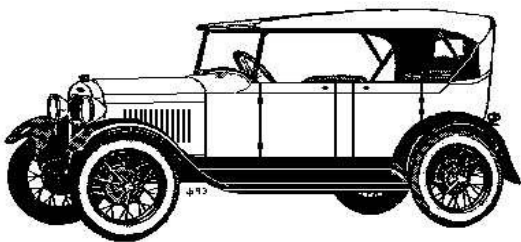
At the March meeting long time member Dale Corah handed out envelopes to a few older members. Enclosed were articles and pictures which pertained to us in club activities for the last 57 years. What a thoughtful gift from Dale. If you do the math Dale has reviewed about six hundred Ahoogha Newsletters and painstakingly cut out pertinent articles and pictures, sorting these and placing them in envelopes.

For us, David and Jeanie, sitting down and going through the articles was a wonderful experience. You just forget some of the fun things that you have done. There were pictures of all our Model A's, signs we made for some tours and lists of people we toured with.

Just a few words about Dale. I have already alluded to the fact that he is a fifty year club member which means he joined in 1975. He inherited a 1929 Tudor from an uncle. This car was sitting in one of the Dakotas. Dale just borrowed a trailer, drove to the uncle's farm, loaded the car and returned to Portland. He then proceeded to do a full body off the frame restoration. Dale will drive this beautiful Tudor on nice days.

Dale is a wonderful storyteller and his stories are worthwhile. One memorable one for me was his duty on Fire Watch at the Portland Swap Meet. Dale and his partner were walking and heard a strange noise. They tracked this down and sitting in a stall was a car for sale with the engine still running. Evidently the car was started so a potential buyer could hear it run and with the hub bub and noise the owner didn't realize that it was left running. As Dale related this to me, I thought that it was a great story. But now I realize the envelope of memories tops it all. Thank you Dale!

Jeanie and David Adair







### McCall's 1929 Pattern

This ladies dress pattern shows several options for the same pattern. Similarities are the scooped neckline, dropped waistline, gathered skirt that has two layers, and a wide sash about the hips. The noticeable differences are the sleeve options, the green dress has a slim fitted sleeve with a tied finish while the printed dress and the red dress has sleeves the flare wide at the wrists. The other major difference is the fabric choice. The print dress and the red dress are both sheer fabric, needing a slip-like underlayer on the dress top. **Fashion Details by Jeanie Adair**



## MODEL A POSTAL TRUCK

Recently seven cars from the Newberg area visited new member George Lavacaot's 1931 Mail Truck completely restored on an 103" wheelbase. There were 550 made in 1931, 100 cu in capacity. These Mail Trucks were either on an A frame or AA frame and only in years 1929 and 1931 . George has displayed this vehicle at the Steam Up for several years. The details include the original hat, mail bags in the rear and Uncle Sam "I WANT YOU" poster on the side.

Those who made the trip were Chris and Tom Irwin, Bruce and Bobbie Barnett, Bruce Ernst, Gary Bartman, Dave Smith, Dan and Tani Brentano and Dave Metzger.

It was a wonderful visit and a trip with all cars to the city of Yamhill for lunch.

