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Kirk and Rene' Metteer's 1931 Pickup at a pumpkin patch

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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.

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 check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send directly to the Membership Coordinator Jennie Ryan at 2415 NE 110th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98684.

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, mail directly to 250 S. Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631-5515.

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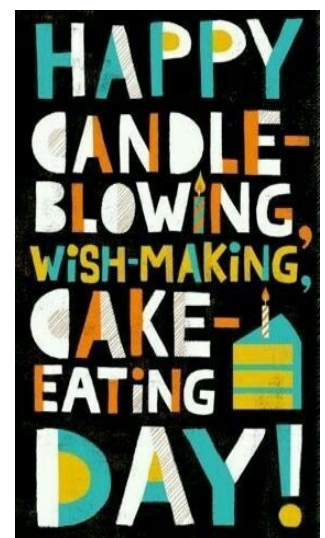
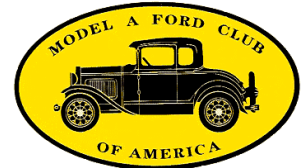
NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Tom Winterrowd;
Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton;
Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Refreshments: Mary McConnell;
MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin; Beaver Chapter Webmaster:
Richard Starkweather. **Web Site: <http://beaverchapterford.org/>**

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: jadadaja@msn.com or mail to 895 Hazelwood Dr. Oregon City, OR 97045. **The newsletter deadline** is the Sunday following the club meeting.



Please take some time to read and study our Touring Rules in the 2022 Membership Directory, Pg 42 and 43. These rules make sure we have a safe, enjoyable tour and new members are supported.

← September's
1st Wednesday Breakfast



Ed Schroeder	1 st
David Adair	6 th
Jeanette Kroon	8 th
Dewain Winters	10 th
Jennie Ryan	21 st
David Phillips	21 st
David Caseday	21 st

MEETING REFRESHMENTS:

October: Jennie & Tom Ryan

November:
It's Pie Night!
Everyone bring a pie to share. Yummmm!

Save the Date:
We will be having a Christmas Potluck this year Dec. 3rd.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome to fall!!!!

I'm sitting down to write this right after our wonderful Past Presidents tour. My eyes have been opened. I had no idea what was involved in taking on a project like this. The very first thing I want to say is THANK YOU LYNN!!!!!!



I know I said it many times this weekend but, in this case, I don't think it can be said enough. I won't get into the specifics, I will save that for Lynns report, but it was 3 full days of activities, seeing beautiful countryside I have never seen before, and I was born and raised in Oregon. Yes, and some very educational seminars. Leonard has now made a list of things that are a "must have" when touring with a Model A. I have never been on any tour where we had 18, yes 18 Model A's show up. It was incredible! I could go on and on but like I said I'll let Lynn do the extensive report. I also enjoyed being able to spend the time this weekend getting to know several of our club members. There are several people that before becoming your President, I saw at meetings but didn't get the opportunity to really get to know them. We have a wonderful group of people in this club!

Speaking of tours, since I announced last meeting about a tour seminar, I have had a couple of people come up to me with tour ideas that they are going to suggest. I believe we already have 6 or 7 tours figured out. I am really happy how this suggestion has been received. Now we just need a VP to basically guide the tour leaders. If you are unable to attend the November meeting and have a tour idea you would like to see happen, then contact Tom Winterrowd or myself and we will present it at the tour seminar. My email address is ddoubledutt@aol.com. THANK YOU!

I am helping Brenda Caseday with the Christmas potluck and a couple other people have also stepped up and offered a helping hand. Thank YOU!! We really want to make this year's event special since being gone for a couple of years. Please sign up and join us. If you have children, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren please sign them up too! I would like this to be a family event.

Hope to see more of you at the 1st Wednesday breakfast this month.

Have a good October and have a Happy and Safe Halloween !

Respectfully,
Debbie Dutton



New Beaver Chapter Member: Ed Wortman 13042 8th Ave NW Seattle WA 98177 EdL195@aol.com 206.999.8474 Please add this to your club roster.



Is this a Pickup?

We were having a conversation the other day about how many different kinds of Model A Pickup's there are...

Roadster Pickups, Closed Cab Pickups and Deluxe Pickups. And we thought about how many members in our club have pickups...

I added that one of our member drives a Huckster. David said no, that's not a Pickup - it a Huckster!

So what do YOU think? Pickup or Huckster?

It sure looks like a Pickup to me! ~ Jeanie Adair

Overlooked Lubrication Points on a Model A

By Lynn Sondena

So now you are sitting in the driver seat of your Model A looking out over the hood onto the roadway. Do you know that you just overlooked four lubrication points?

The first point of lubrication is the gas cap. The 1928-29 gas caps should have a small amount of petroleum jelly applied to the internal threads of the cap. It should also have the vents blown out with compressed air. If you have a quality gas cap it will have a leather gasket. The gasket should have a light coating of 10W oil applied to it to keep it soft and flexible so it seals.

The 1930-31 gas cap should have petroleum jelly applied to the two locks on the cap. Also, clean the vent with compressed air and lubricate the leather gasket as the 28-29 caps were treated.

The second point in need of lubrication are the hood hinge rods. Both the side rods and the center rod. You do not want metal on metal contact without lubrication. This can cause the hood to stick, squeak, or even chip the paint by the hinges. I use Aero Kroil spray oil to lubricate the hinges. I spray it into each joint both on the top outside and bottom inside side. After spraying the joints open and close the hood about 10 times on each side so the Aero Kroil will be distributed.

The third lubrication points are the four hood clip assemblies. These clips have an internal spring. Again, this area has metal to metal contact. Spray Aero Kroil into the top of each latch. This provides lubrication and can also help in preventing rust build up.

The fourth lubrication point is the radiator cap. The 1928-29 caps should have petroleum jelly applied to the internal threads. The 28-29 caps should have cork gaskets. These gaskets can be treated with petroleum jelly to keep them soft and pliable.

The 1930-31 radiator caps are of the twist style so lubricate the two lugs inside the cap with petroleum jelly. The 30-31 caps have a leather gasket so they should be treated with 10W oil. This will keep them soft and pliable so they seal.

So now get off of your fanny and give your Model A some much needed lubrication!



It took longer to find the lubricants in the garage than it took to lubricate the gas cap and radiator cap!

Thanks Lynn for these tips! ~ David

Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every 6 months about it!



The 1928/29 Montgomery Wards Winter catalog offered these examples of men's casual shirts. Plaid remains a favorite with the guys even today.

Fabric indicated here is "All Wool", "About 1/4 Wool", I would call it today a blend, "Heavy Weight All Wool" and "Broadcloth Finish". And how about these prices! This is one Model A era clothing item that hasn't changed much over the years.

How about a comfortable flannel shirt for the guys to wear and be right in the Model A era style this fall! ~ Jeanie Adair



I thought this was a cute Model A era witch.

The 1929 photo right is of Coco Chanel. She is wearing two things she is famous for - casual jersey suits, and pearls! You can hardly find a photo of Coco without pearls!





Kirk Metteer was tour leader for the September 10th tour to WAAAM in Hood River. It was a very windy stop at Crown Point. Then we continued on old Highway 30, and a few miles on 84 to Hood River.

WAAAM had a car and airplane show, too many to take photos of!



Metteer's drove their 1930 Pickup, Michael Gombos and his brother John were in a 1930 Coupe, Lynn and Patty Sondenaa drove their 1930 Victoria, David and Jeanie Adair were in their 1931 Sport Coupe, Tom Winterrowd drove his 1930 Pickup and Michael Haight was in his 1931 Coupe. Just as we parked in Hood River, Doug Inglis caught up with us. He had electrical problems before leaving home. Michael Haight had his tailpipe fall off just as we pulled in at the museum. But he was able to reattach it after it cooled off and before we headed home.



Past Presidents Tour ahead...



Beaver Chapter Board Meeting – September 21, 2022

Call to Order: 6:05 PM **Board Members Present:** Debbie Dutton, Tom Winterrowd, Lynn Sondenaa, Leonard Dutton, Mike Worthington, Jennie Ryan, Tom Ryan, Jeanie Adair and Penny Haight. A motion to approve the August 2022 meeting minutes as printed in the Ahooga Newsletter was made and seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tours: Tom Winterrowd reported that the tour to WAAAM in Hood River, Oregon had 6 cars. They had a great time seeing antique cars and airplanes. Mike Haight will do a Poker Run Tour on Oct 23. Oct 5th will be the first Wednesday Breakfast. It will be held at the Hive Social in Oregon City. Nov. 2 the breakfast will be held at the Original Pancake House on Barber Blvd.

Past Presidents Tour: Lynn Sondenaa reported that 6 cars had dropped from the tour. The tour will be from September 23-25. All arrangements are in place.

Treasurers Report: Mike Worthington reported that all bills are paid.

Swap Meet Report: Mike Worthington gave a presentation showing the club the future of the Swap Meet finances. Bill Griffith was selected as the new Beaver Chapter Swap Meet Representative.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary

Beaver Chapter General Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2022

Call to Order: President Debbie Dutton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with 50 members present. Debbie led the flag salute. There were three new members present. They were Ed Wortman, Dave Hawbecker and Christian Fancier. **Minutes Approval:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the Ahooga Newsletter. The motion was seconded and voted on and passed.

Tours: The WAAAM Tour was reported as a great time of viewing antique cars and airplanes. Having a demonstration of period flight attendants at an antique plane was a hit. 11 club members participated. Vincent Dunn chose to fly his plane instead of driving his Model A. October 23 Tour will be a Poker Run. October 5th will be the 1st Friday Breakfast. It will be held at the Hive Social in Oregon City.

Past Presidents Tour: Lynn Sondenaa reported that the club members need to thank Patty Sondenaa for all her help in planning the tour. Also thank Richard Starkweather's daughter and Lynn and Patty's daughter for knowing people who would go out of their way to host large groups in very small towns. As a result, we will get to enjoy the Dirty Cowgirls and the Bakeoven Bar and Grill for lunch on the tour.

Nominations for 2023: The club needs a Vice President and an Editor for our newsletter.

Christmas Potluck: The event is December 3rd at 5:30 pm. It will be held at our meeting location. Turkey, Ham, plates and napkins will be provided. A signup sheet for set up and tear down help was passed around. Call Brenda Caseday to volunteer or for information.

Name Tag Drawing: Gary Dexter **50/50 Drawing:** Lynn Sondenaa won \$38.00

Learning moments: We heard that the NW Regional Hub Meet in Spokane Washington was excellent. Members discussed transmission issues and manifold issues.

Swap Meet Representative: Bill Griffith was selected as the clubs new Swap Meet Rep.

Treasurers Report: All bills are paid.

Swap Meet Report: Mike Worthington presented a visual report to the club on the future of the Swap Meet finances.

Thank you to Chris Irwin and Pam McClafin for the refreshments. Thank you to Ted Downs for the drinks and the Root Beer.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Haight, Secretary



PAST PRESIDENT'S TOUR



Lynn & Patty Sondenaa planned a fantastic 3 day tour based at Cousin's Country Inn in The Dalles. We toured Bonneville Dam, lunched in Stevenson, and on to the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center. We ended the day with

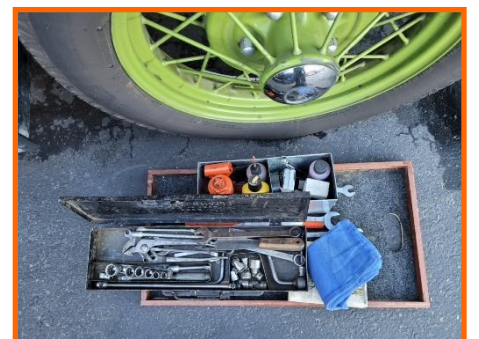
a buffet at Cousin's. The second day took us to The Fort Dalles Museum, then on to Goldendale, WA for lunch at The Dirty Cowgirl, the observatory, then making a stop to see the Petroglyphs before calling it a day. Sunday we climbed the rolling hills south of The Dalles passing lots of fruit orchards. Next we headed to Tygh Valley, White River Falls Park, Sherar's Bridge, & along the Deschutes River watching rafters.



Our final gathering was lunch in Maupin at Bakeoven Bar & Grill where we sat outside with a park setting and the river flowing by. The final leg of the tour was up and over Mt. Hood and a final stop if you needed it at Government Camp. The A's peeled off on their own separate ways.



The tour wasn't without some issues with the Model A's...



The Pugsley's were the first to bail, they had issues Friday, and decided Saturday morning to called their son to bring a trailer and headed home. The Adairs car was "missing" and the radiator boiled over several times, limping the last few miles to the motel Friday evening. Kirk Metteer diagnosed it was a head gasket. It had to be replaced! So after the banquet, Ted Downs, who was in a modern car, volunteered to drive David home to get what was needed...



"Tilly" had some minor surgery Saturday morning with a little help from our friends! You Beaver Chapter guys are the best!!

The hood goes up and you all come to find out what's going on and ask how can you help.

We made it home just fine! Thanks!!



Kirk was right!



Saturday morning as we started the tour, Ken Holtmann's car was at the curb as we passed...

He had car problems - when we got home Sunday I had an email from Linda Neilsen telling their story. You can read all about it on the next page...

We've always said that the "problems" we have as we've traveled in our Model A make for the best stories! It comes with the territory!



Our first "Past President Tour" with the Beaver Club was quite memorable!

Friday was a beautiful day for driving and Lynn had planned some great stops. Bonneville dam is always interesting and we enjoyed the interpretive center and had a good lunch in Stevenson. Upon our return to the motel Friday after checking in, our car would not start. Word spread quickly and several members came to help. It did not take long for this knowledgeable group to determine it was the distributor and to get it taken care of. A big "thank you" to each of them.

Saturday morning we were told that Art and Marlynne were having issues and were making arrangements to go home. While at breakfast we were informed that we had gas leaking, turned out this was driver error and quickly remedied. Was this an omen of things to come?? After breakfast we left for the "Dalles Museum", on the way we noticed a knocking sound and a fast idle. When we parked and turned the car off it was smoking. We let it cool down, added a quart of oil, checked everything, adjusted the idle and all seemed good. Headed out to Goldendale and after only a few blocks we again heard the knocking sound, louder than before then it just died and would not start. The Greens and two modern cars pulled in behind us and waited to see what we could do.

I called friends who live in The Dalles to see if we could have it towed there, and yes we could. Before I could get through to AAA, a young man in a jeep came up and said if we need it towed he could do it and he did.

Two couples we barely know, Dale and Cheryl and Leonard and Debbie stayed with us and followed us all the way to our friends house.

Our wonderful friends stopped what they were doing and drove from The Dalles to Vancouver and back to bring us home. They couldn't stay over because of their animals.

Other people in the club checked on us that we made it home safely.

You might think we would consider this a bad experience but I think it was one of the best ever. We found there are a lot of wonderful people in the world and we have many kind, thoughtful and caring people in our lives and one terrific red headed stranger named Zeb!

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us!!!

Linda Neilsen and Ken Holtmann

It's that time of year – Beaver Chapter Elections

Beaver Chapter starts the nomination and election of Board Members in the fall, with voting taking place at the November meeting.

Sometimes leaders are selected just because no one else wants the job.

We want willing members who can be a leader with a positive "can do" attitude.

We need members who will serve willingly to benefit Beaver Chapter into the future.

Some people think that there is too much work involved in running a chapter. With an effective organization, chapter operations require little more time than that taken to attend the events.

To merely decline a nomination with a vague excuse of "not enough time" is a cop out in one's obligations to the club! We all have the same twenty-four hours in a day, seven days a week, twelve months a year. Each member has an obligation to serve the club so that others may benefit. **It's your turn!**

Personally, over the 50 years we have been Beaver Chapter Members we have been blessed to call many members our "closest friends" and our "Model A family". What a joy it is to share a wonderful hobby with other like-minded people. We have gained so much more than we have given.

Beaver Chapter is a volunteer organization. Please step forward to serve. **Volunteer!** Many hands make the jobs easier. Be more involved, and keep Beaver Chapter and the Model A hobby strong!

David and Jeanie Adair



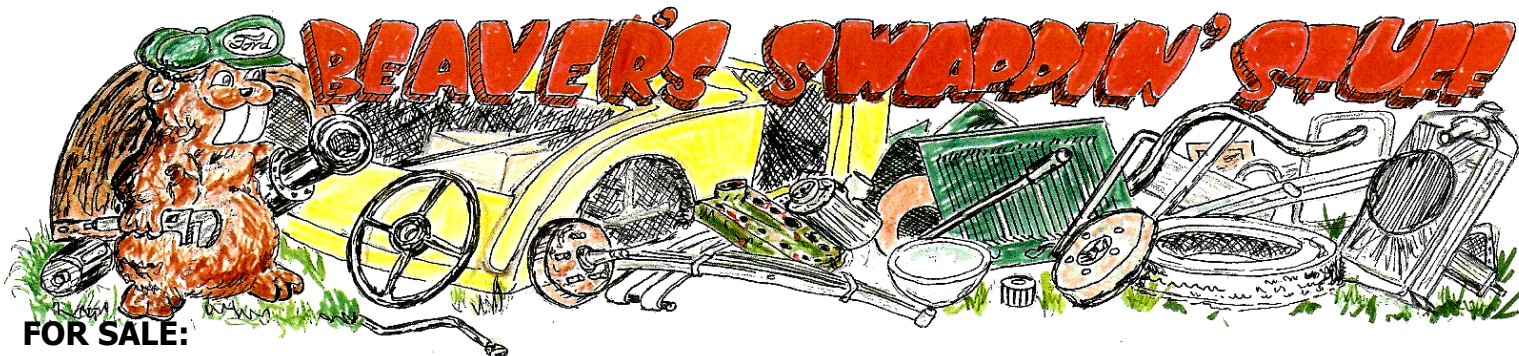
Pinstriping at the Hudson factory 1930 - I guess I never thought about women working on the Model A Ford assembly lines. All the photos I've seen had been of men. With further investigation, I found another photo of women working on assembling ammeters at the Highland Park factory. It went on to say that Highland Park employed approximately 14,000 men and women. ~Jeanie (photo from EFC Facebook)

Calendar of Events



1st Wednesday Breakfast - October 5th, come join us at 9AM at The Hive Social 602 7th St. Oregon City, Oregon.

October Tour will be a Poker Run on **Sunday the 23rd**. Meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center at 11:45 for a 12 noon departure. This will be about a 50 mile tour and the chance to draw a perfect hand! Michael Haight is Tour Leader.



FOR SALE:

A good running Model A engine and transmission on a test stand. You can hear it run! It includes the following: Very good 28/29 radiator & shell; new 12 V alternator; rebuilt 12 V starter; good 12 V battery; rebuilt Zenith carburetor; rebuilt distributor with modern points; new coil & wire; six blade plastic fan; leakless water pump; good transmission with rebuilt shift tower; new chrome shifter; new chrome emergency brake handle. \$4000 or offer. Lynn Sondenaa 503.781.9741 or lynnsond@hotmail.com

1931 Deluxe Delivery, restoration 75% complete. \$16,000 Terry Findley 503.784.3384

Victoria body only; windshield glass; no fenders or frame; no body glass. Dick Thorne 503.505.6848

1929 Roadster Pickup; green, older restoration, overdrive, V 8 rims. Gene Watson 360.245.3966 location is Curtis WA. (near Vader).

1931 Tudor, restored, runs & drives \$19,000. 1930 Cabriolet, unrestored, runs & drives \$18,000 Bruce Hull in Canby 503-956-2556 BruceHull55@gmail.com



More Past Presidents Tour photos

