

April 2016



The Alooga News



We found the car on Craig's list in Joseph, Oregon. I was so taken with the car I took a trailer with me to look at the car, because if it was as good as it looked I knew I would bring it home. We bought it on July 10, 2015.

She is a 1930 Model A Roadster and her name is Genevieve, "Jenny" for short. She is named after a favorite cousin of mine.

The gentleman I bought it from told me the first thing I needed to do was join a Model A club, which brought us to the Beaver Chapter. ~Dale Fiedler

BEAVER CHAPTER 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.

Meetings: The third Wednesday of each month except December, 7:30PM at the Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas, OR 97015

The Beaver Chapter memberships commence on January 1st or on the date paid and expires on December 31st.

New memberships received after November 1st are valid for the following year. Beaver Chapter dues are \$10.00 for a member plus \$1.00 for a spouse member.

Dues are payable to the Beaver Chapter Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send them to Dale Fiedler, PO Box 428 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 \$40.00. Mail to: MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress Ave., La Habra, CA 90631.

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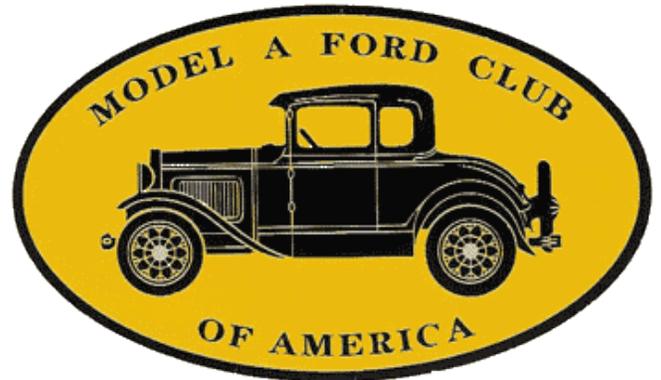
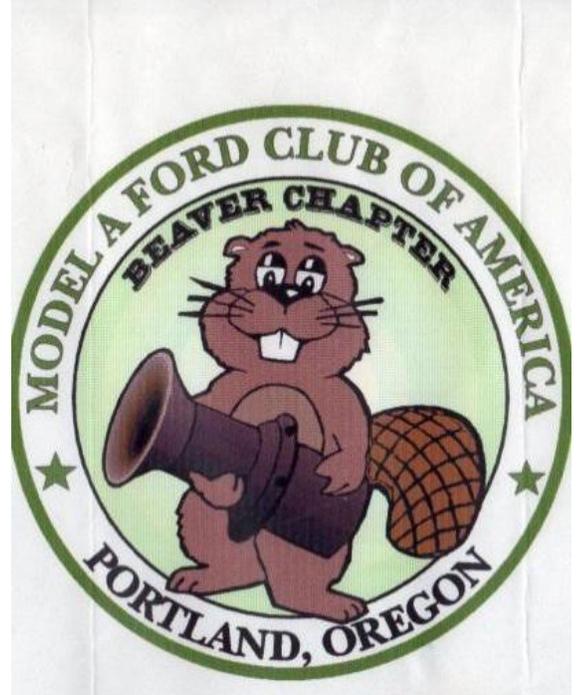
Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits.

The deadline is the fourth Wednesday of each month unless announced otherwise.

Correspondence should be sent directly to the Editor: 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 Ahooga News*.

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

Monthly Refreshments: April - Ron & Barbara Whitworth; May - Jim & Adeane Patrick



Presidents Column

It is a crazy time of year between getting our taxes taken care of, and all the media filled with politics. Owning and working on a Model A puts life back in perspective.

We had a great tour in early March led by Charter Member (1961) Art Pugsley. It was a visit to Mark Brislawn in Vancouver WA. 52 members and family attended which was remarkable considering the rainy weather. Mike and Chad Worthington were the only ones with courage enough to bring their Model A. Art has known Mark for over 40 years. Mark has a collection spanning everything from race cars to antique glassware. He had a touring car named Franklinstein, which is a car with an air cooled Franklin engine. After the tour we visited Benny's Rod and Custom Pizza for a great lunch. Thanks Art for a fun tour.

I was thinking about the transition of Gas Stations from the 1950's to today. In my home town there were four stations: Texaco, Richfield, Chevron and Shell. It was a typical town of this era. The stations were manned by kids in the 18 to 25 year old range. I had the fortune of working for the Chevron station. There was always a "cool" car parked at the stations. In the summer evenings groups of people would hang out at the stations, and cruise up and down the main street. Everybody knew everybody. When someone made an improvement to their car, or a new car showed up, it was off to a straightaway outside of town to see who had the fastest car. It was just how life was. You could work in gas stations; learn to do oil changes, grease cars, u-joint replacement, repack wheel bearings, tune ups, brake jobs, etc.

People born in the 1920's and on had the same experiences. Being a part of the Beaver Chapter allows us to socialize with people who have similar love of the automotive, in particular Model A's, and share ideas and stories. We are known among the car clubs in Portland as having a membership that participates in events.

In April, Jim Van Lente is planning a tour to visit two people in his local area. Ken Roberts has a great collection of signs, cars and memorabilia. Then it will be a visit to an antique boat restorer/collector. A meeting of his club will be held at his house, and some of those members will be there to take a look at our cars. Jim is planning a lunch at a restaurant called "Backstop". This should be a great tour. Let's get those Model A's out, if the weather cooperates.

If your car is not running, ask for some help. There are members in the club with expertise and advice to help you get on the road. The SWAT Team (Special Work & Tools) is available, for information look in your Resource Handbook. Summer is around the corner, and driving these cars and spending time with others is much of what our club is about.

--Richard Starkweather, President

Tiny Tip: If you are inspecting sheet metal, either while doing some shade tree body work, or contemplating buying a car, take a thin cotton rag, like part of an old sheet, and run it in a single layer across the body and fenders with your open palm and splayed fingers. This makes your fingertips much more sensitive to imperfections that can deceive the eye and that paint can disguise. And with soft thin cotton there is no potential for harming the finish. Try it on your own car, just to see if that shiny paint job has good body work under it.

~by Ray Horton



COOLING SYSTEM CLEANING AND CORROSION PROTECTION

by Bill Jobs

Your cooling system is one of the most important systems in your automobile to keep clean and stop or reduce corrosion. This is especially important when your car has mixed metals like aluminum and copper that can set up electrolysis. Failure to maintain your cooling system properly can cause overheating and result in costly repairs. Maintenance involves both cleaning and protection from further corrosion.

If you examine an old engine block, you can observe a buildup of rust, scale and other deposits that keep your cooling system from operating at its designed efficiency. If you have not cleaned your cooling system in some time, you probably have a similar buildup. Back flushing can do a good job of cleaning scaly deposits, but I believe that lots of rust and deposits remain. If you dissolve the rust and deposits chemically, my experience suggests that you end up with a cleaner cooling system, with less chance of particles circulating through your radiator and plugging the tubes.

There are lots of commercially available cooling system cleaners, which all may work fine, but I have begun using white vinegar, a mild acid to clean my vehicle cooling systems with good success. The process is simple, reasonably inexpensive, easy to use, not too messy and leaves your cooling system very clean. Here are the basic steps:

1. Drain your cooling system and if oily, use a mixture of Simple Green or other degreaser to dissolve the oil.
2. Close your petcock and fill with white vinegar. Most systems take from 2-3 gallons, so buy the cheapest vinegar you can find. Bi-Mart and Walmart seem to be the cheapest suppliers.
3. Run your engine until it is up to operating temperature. I even drive my vehicles around, and let the vinegar "cook" for one to three days before draining. The dirty vinegar will stain concrete and pavements, so be careful and dispose of it properly.
4. Flush several times with clean water, then add two cups of baking soda in the last flush to neutralize the acid.

Your cooling system should be very clean, but it now needs protection to prevent immediate corrosion. Some people prefer a 50-50 mix of antifreeze, which is important if you are exposing your car to subfreezing temperatures. I have been lead to believe that older cars do not cool as well with antifreeze, so since I do not drive them in the winter, I generally avoid its use. A commercially additive called "Water Wetter", claims to improve engine cooling by increasing heat transfer, and also claims to prevent corrosion. I have used it and am neither a proponent nor opponent, but have recently been introduced to a new product by fellow car collector, Bob Newlands, called "No-Rosion" that I feel is superior.

Prior to using a product, I try to research who is using and recommending it and why. My research indicates that the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, Ca. and Jay Leno's Garage use the product extensively. The manufacturer claims their product prevents corrosion and electrolysis, provides water pump lubricant and lasts up to 5 years or 30,000 miles of driving. It is manufactured and supplied by Applied Chemical Specialties, Inc., Omaha, Ne., www.no-rosion.com. The cost is \$9.95/pint or 4 pints for \$29.95 plus S&H. It can be added with or without antifreeze. Recommended mixture is one pint with 50-50 antifreeze and 2 pints with plain water.

I am systematically going through my entire collection and cleaning them with white vinegar and adding No-Rosion. While I don't have years of experience with the process or products I have described, I am confident that it is going to work well. If I learn otherwise, I'll write a rebuttal.

Any man can learn anything he will, but no man can teach except
to those who want to learn. ~Henry Ford

McCall's magazine of May 1930 featured this sleeveless purple evening dress.

It's simple scoop neckline shows off the necklace. There is shearing at the front to define the waist-line, and a large bow in the back.

The skirt is fashioned in scalloped panels of bias cut inserts all round. Notice the back trails longer in length than the front.

Long elbow length gloves were always worn for formal evening wear.

Other accessories a lady would need for the evening would have been a wrap of some kind and of course an evening bag.

The Model A era required such elegant fashions for evening! They dressed so much more formally than we do today.



~by Jeanie Adair



BEAVER BABE'S APRIL OUTING

The Beaver Babes tour for April will be on Saturday, the 16th, at the Newell House. We will have a guided tour of the museum and other buildings on the site along with some history of this original settlement. There is an entry fee of \$6, \$5 for seniors. Meet at the Newell House at 10:30am, 8089 Champoeg Road NE, just west of the Champoeg State Park entrance.

Lunch will follow at Sub Terra, 1505 Portland Road, Newberg.

Contact Chris Irwin if you plan to attend, 503-538-5227 or irwintc@outlook.com.

WHEN THINKING ABOUT LIFE REMEMBER THIS:

No amount of guilt can solve the past and
no amount of anxiety can change the future.

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"!

Who you were, who you are, and who you will be are three different people.

When was the last time you did something for the first time?

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, show up and never give up.



Beaver Chapter Board Meeting, March 3, 2016, 7:00 PM

Attending: Board Members: Richard Starkweather, Mike Worthington, John Poppino, Ted Downs, Dale Fiedler, Amanda Uthe, Jeanie Adair. **Guests:** David Adair, Bonnie Starkweather, Dick Thornes, Karl Murphy, Sharon Yates.

2016 Swap Meet Report: (Mike Worthington & Dick Thornes) "So far we're good". Still have 5 slots to fill, but not yet worried.

Reports:

Treasurer: (Amanda Uthe) All funds are in order. Title for tool trailer needs to be in club's name, then insurance can be acquired. Monthly reimbursement for snacks needs to be limited to \$75-\$100.

Tours: (Mike Worthington) All tours are set. Additional information concerning lodging is being obtained for Columbia Gorge tour.

Membership: (Dale Fiedler) Four renewals have been received following telephone contact of 12 delinquents.

Member-at-Large: (Ted Downs) Concern has been expressed about winners of multiple prizes at monthly raffle. Should they be encouraged to "pass" and let someone else win? Will be discussed at membership meeting.

Beaver Babes: (Jeanie Adair) March event will go as planned even though the March Tour is now a conflict.

Old Business:

Springtime Safety Check: Has been postponed until Ervin Mudder recovers from surgery.

Bylaw/Policy Review: Will be done at April Board Meeting. Some typographical errors were identified, anything else needs to be brought to the April Board Meeting. (Tool inventory-coordinate with member handbook)

MAFCA Restorers Class will be presented by Don Bader at a Membership Meeting. Scheduling will be done by Richard Starkweather.

Honorary Membership: Tabled.

April meeting setup. Richard will follow up with Jim VanLente.

2017 Banquet Chair: Richard will follow through.

"Angels in the Outfield", a charitable organization, will be offered an opportunity to describe their operation at the March meeting. Ted Downs will coordinate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

John Poppino, Secretary

Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.

Beaver Chapter General Meeting March 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Henderson. A motion to approve February meeting minutes as printed in Aooogah News was made, seconded and carried.

Mike Thoe of the Galloping Gerties made a presentation on the "**Restorers Class**", with the opportunity for members to ask questions concerning the difference between this category and other "judging" categories. This class is an evaluation, not a fine points judging scheme. It is an opportunity for owners to get recognition for the cars that they drive daily. The cars are evaluated on 7 points: 1. Owner must be a MAFCA member 2. Must be a Model A as defined by Ford production. 3. Must have a Model A or B engine block. 4. Have original or good reproduction parts as defined by Ford production for the year and model. 5. Paint must be Model A era correct color for the year and model. Slight variations or interpretations are acceptable. 6. Vehicle must be licensed and road worthy. 7. No fiberglass fenders or body parts.

Julie Peters and Shannon Kmetic made a short presentation on "Angels in the Outfield", a non-profit, all volunteer organization seeking to brighten the lives of children who have been impacted by crime or drug abuse. They are having a dinner and auction at Abernathy Center April 30 at 5:30. Open to anyone who wants to participate.

Name Tag Drawing was won by Pat Fiedler

Upcoming events:

Tour: Saturday April 23, Leader: Jim Van Lente, Tour to Ken Robert's (signs, cars, boats).
Tour will assemble at OC Shopping Center at 10:00 with a 10:30 departure.
Corvallis Swap meet will be at Benton Co. Fair Grounds April 24.

Treasurer reported that all funds are in order

Vice President: Mike Worthington reported that 52 people went on the March tour.

Editor: Jeanie Adair is requesting that photos for mystery member be at least the age of a teen ager.

Sgt-at-Arms: Jim Van Lente has acquired a squirt gun to use on people who have side conversations during the meeting!

Swap Meet: Dick Thornes, Mike Worthington Their phone numbers are in your duty packet. Be sure and call if you can't make your scheduled duty. The tribute to John Adams that David Adair wrote will be in the Swap Meet Program that is given to all attending. Mike McLoughlin wants anyone with a bit of time at the Swap Meet to visit our booth and be available to answer questions (D Hall space 4261)

Beaver Babes: Marlynn Pugsley reported that Chris Irwin will coordinate the visit to Newell House at Champoeg state park, let her know if you plan to attend this event.

Sunshine: Eileen Ross reported that flowers had been sent to Erwin Mudder. Karen Scott is in St. Vincents, can't have flowers, cards are welcome.

New Business:

Raffle discussion: Concern has been expressed about one person winning several prizes in one evening. The concensus was it relates to the odds based on number of tickets. If you want to win BIG buy many tickets!

Membership Drawing: Aaron McDonald (not present)

Thank You: to Ted Downs for refreshments, and Mary Proffitt and Brenda Caseday for tonight's snacks. Reminder: Snacks \$75 - \$100 range, pop cans and H2O bottles empty.

Seminar: Rayburn Mitchell presented a seminar on grounding lights on your Model A to keep them from flickering.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

John Poppino, Secretary

Sign on a plumber's truck: We repair what your husband fixed. Another one: Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber. Sign on an electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts. Sign on a tire shop: Invite us to your next blowout! Sign on a muffler shop: No appointment necessary, we hear you coming!!

MISTRESSES

Some women may wonder where their husbands are, not me, I know where my husband is. He's out with Susie. Yes he spends a lot of time with her. One morning I asked him to go to the corner shop for milk, two hours later he comes back. I ask "What took you so long?" the reply "I thought I'd take a ride with Susie". Do I sound a little peeved? Well yes! He's always talking about her, she has such a great body, she is so fast and responsive, and she handles so well. When he takes her out people come over to her and say "How great she is, how lucky he is, and can they take a picture of her".

It's not just that, but he spends tons of money buying her gifts, and a lot of the time I'm not privy to how much they cost, but it's more than he spends on gifts for me! I would not be surprised if there are not ruts down our street from all the times the UPS truck comes to our house. Oh, and he spends hours with his Guy friends talking about her and how she handles and her great headlights and her body may not be perfect but he's happy with it. Oh, and that's not all, he always wants to take her on vacation with us. I ask "What about a romantic vacation without Susie?" answer "Well it's so much more fun with Susie and I won't get bored". So much for thirty odd years of marriage!

And now there's Bella, his new love. He likes her because she does great in the wind and the rain. I guess he will never be home now. Do I sound a little jealous? Well, let's put it this way, if he talks about Bella as much as Susie, then both his mistresses will find themselves in the used car lot! (Editors' note: Can you guess who wrote this?)



**BEAVER CHAPTER
ON A TOUR IN 2014**

Life is like a camera. You focus on what's important. Capture the good times.
And if things don't work out, take another shot.

WORTHINGTONS' BREAKDOWN STORY

Mike Worthington has been giving his son Chad driving lessons in Mike's '30 closed cab pickup. The lessons started over a year ago and have progressed to the point that on the last couple of tours Chad has had to tell Mike just to sit back and cool it. He does not need any more advice on how to drive. He knows about retarding the spark when starting, how the gas shut off and choke work. Plus he has mastered the tricky double clutch shifting. He is ready to go solo.



On Sunday March 21st Chad got his chance to solo. The pickup is at Mikes so Chad drove over and got it. The bowling tour is a stationary event at Pietro's Pizza. Chad and his A was one of three Model A's driven to this event. After bowling and pizza everyone split. Well almost everyone... Chad was in the pickup, hood up and with a few club members standing around giving advice. It seems the pickup started, ran about a minute and shut down. What to do?

We determined that the fuse was good and there was no current to the sparkplugs or distributor. This led us to believe the coil could be bad. Aha, the coil was also hot to touch. But when the problem was first noted Chad called his dad for help. Mike showed up just minutes after we diagnosed the coil, changed it with the spare from under the front seat and bingo the engine started right up.

So not only did Chad get to solo in the Model A he also received firsthand experience on how to diagnose a problem and correct it. All in all this was a great experience. And it did not hurt any of us that this all happened during a brief sun break. Way to go Chad. Next on his agenda is a lesson on how to build and test a distributor and trouble shoot the electrical system with a multi-meter.

THE STORY ABOUT SHARON'S 1931 MODEL A FORD VICTORIA

Sharon Murphy calls her car "Sharry Baby". The story is about when we were coming home from Astoria and the Past Presidents Tour. Near Beaverton, on Highway 26, the car started backfiring. So we pulled over off the freeway and called Mike McLaughlin who was Tour Leader, called the police, called AAA. After waiting 30 minutes I started the old car up and we made it back to our home in Gresham. The set screw and lock nut for the distributor worked its way out, so it was out of time. We were glad to get off Highway 26. We were glad to make it home.
~by Sharon Yates & Karl Murphy

The idea of the "Breakdown Stories" is not to make fun of someone's mishaps, but a chance to learn and understand from others what might happen when driving an old Model A Ford. Now it's your turn to share your "Breakdown Story".



MARCH TOUR

"Big Boys Toys"

Art Pugsley was tour leader on this short drizzly winter drive to a location along Salmon Creek in Vancouver WA.

We were hosted by Mark Brislawn who had several buildings crammed full of cars, hot rods, speedsters and so much stuff you couldn't begin to see it all in one visit...

The guys enjoyed looking at all the collections and tools; I think some were even drooling with envy. One building was popular because it was heated and there was coffee and cookies to eat.



Afterwards we toured to Benny's Rods and Custom Pizza for lunch and more visiting with friends and club members. It was hard to count how many attended but there were over 50 people and only one Model A driven by Mike and Chad Worthington. Thanks Art!





FOR SALE:

1930 Five window Coupe, rumble seat, two tone green, runs great, \$10,000
 Lowell Pullen 503.760.0526

5 each 17" wire wheels (1933 Ford) Newly powder coated. \$300
 Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

1929 Standard Coupe Top Wood Kit \$350 and Body Wood Kit \$350
 Marlin Binder 503.432.6494

WANTED:

1928 Red steering wheel Randy Selvester 503.760.6464

1928 or 29 Pickup Jerry Caright 541.330.7370 (lives in Bend)

WANTED: The story about your Model A; Any "Breakdown" story; Photos for the front cover of this newsletter; Technical articles or a Tiny Tip. Mystery Member photo of when you were younger. Remember this is your newsletter - what would you like to see in it - any suggestions? Please let your Editor know.

ODE TO THE SPELL CHECKER

Eye halve a spelling chequer;
 it came with my pea sea.
 It plainly marques four my revue
 Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
 Eye strike a key and type a word
 And weight four it two say
 Weather eye am wrong oar write
 It shows me strait a weigh.
 As soon as a mist ache is maid,
 It nose bee fore two long
 And eye can put the error rite.
 Its rare lea ever wrong.
 Eye have run this poem threw it.
 I am shore yore please two no
 Its letter perfect awl the weigh.
 My chequer tolled me sew.



TRIVIA: Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble using the crates as the beds of the trucks.

The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus they had to "pick-up" the trucks.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ray Horton	3 rd
Anne Humble	3 rd
Joyce Murk	6 th
Joe McCann	8 th
Peppi McDonald	10 th
Mary Proffitt	11 th
Chuck Lawrence	21 st
Eileen Ross	23 rd
Jan Jones	26 th
Tanya Johns	28 th
Barbara Whitworth	28 th
Larry Peters	30 th
Fred Kroon	30 th

Portland Swap Meet April 1-3rd at the Portland Expo
Don't forget to serve your scheduled swap meet duty!

Thursday, April 7th, Beaver Chapter Board Meeting 7PM at
Bob's Red Mill Boardroom, 13521 SE Pheasant Ct.
Milwaukie Or. All club members are welcome to attend.

Saturday, April 16th Beaver Babes event to the Newell
House. See page 5 for the details.

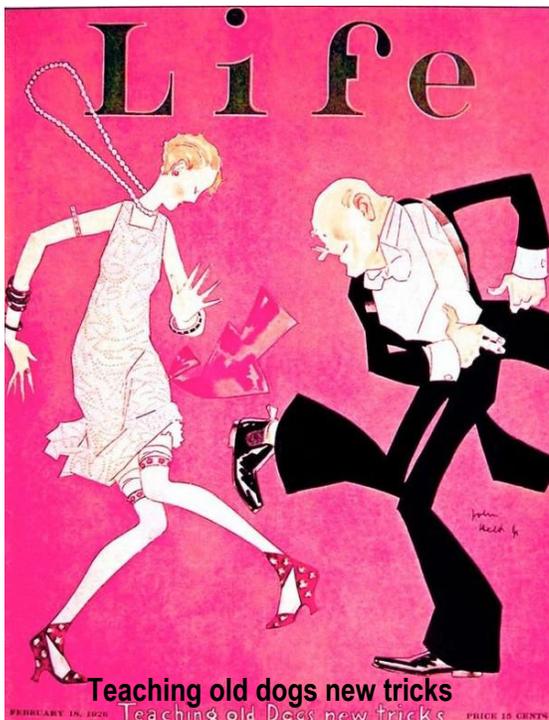
Wednesday, April 20th, Beaver Chapter Membership
Meeting, 7:30PM at 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas, OR.

April Tour - Saturday 23rd Meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center behind Shari's
9:30AM for a 10AM departure. Jim VanLente will lead us to view cars and signs, then
on to see antique boats. Finally we'll cross the Canby ferry which the club will pay
the fee for, and then we will have lunch at the Backstop in Canby.

Sunday, April 24th Corvallis Swap Meet at the
Benton Co. Fairgrounds, 7AM

NEW MEMBER:

Please welcome new member Richard Sutter
938 N Bake Street, Canby, OR 97013,
Phone 503-267-6782. Email: rnsutter@gmail.com.
Richard has a 1930 Tudor. Add him to your roster.



Are you interested
in traveling with
some club mem-
bers to Colorado in
June for the 2016
Nation Meet? It's
not too late...

Check out the MAFCA website or talk to Pam about
joining us on this long distance tour.