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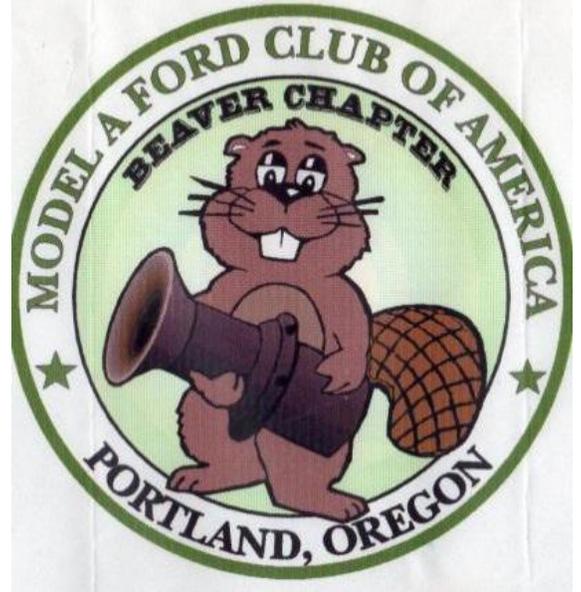
1931 Three Window Fordor Sedan Model A ad from the February *The Farm Journal*.
The official newsletter of the Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America Volume 54 Issue 1

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



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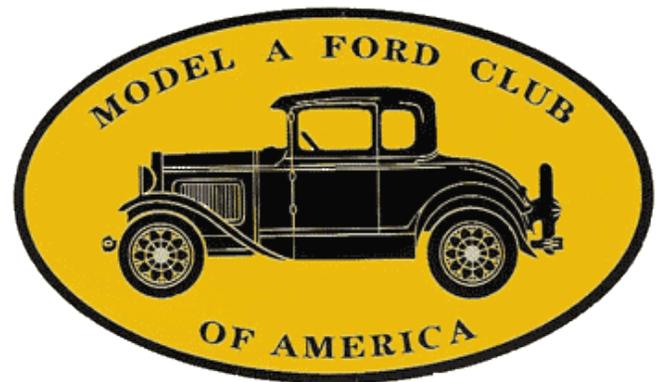
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Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits.

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/>

REFRESHMENTS: January - Sharon & Karl Murphy; February - Patty Brost & Yvonne Scheller

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

I look forward to serving as your President, with a very good Board of Directors, which will be focused on what we all love, our A's. I want to thank Ray Horton on behalf of the Club, for all the work he did the last two years keeping the business affairs of the Club in order, and providing the leadership to keep the Club successful.



This year will have more great tours, some local, some lengthy, if you go to Colorado for the MAFCA National Convention. It will be held June 19-24 in Loveland Colorado. It is 1200 miles each way, and will require some serious planning. Start a group and make plans to drive your Model A. It could be a very scenic and rewarding adventure.

It is the beginning of a New Year, and time to start thinking about our Model A's, checking the brakes, steering, lights, tires, and of course tune up's. Safety is the primary concern with antique automobiles, and each year I spend one full day, early in the year, checking parts and systems.

Our Annual Banquet this year "Masquerade Ball" will be held Saturday January 23rd. Many volunteers are working to make this a success with Una McLaughlin overseeing the event. The event is a "Thank You" for those that performed Swap Meet Duty in 2015. Reservations must be sent to Eileen Ross by January 8th and the reservation form is in the December **Ahooga News**.

The "red ticket" tire drawing will be held during the January general meeting. Remember to bring your tire tickets and write your name or Beaver Chapter # on the back of the tickets.

It is time to turn in the recorded miles you have driven your Model A's in 2015, to Patty Brost, and start recording for 2016. The winner of 2015 (most recorded miles driven) will be recognized at the Annual Banquet.

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Lori Symank and all the volunteers that gave us a very nice Christmas Pot Luck. The food and entertainment was great. Santa Claus gave out (gifts?) to each of the Board Members. Santa looked a bit like Lynn Humble, anyway, he gave me a bottle of Aspirin, and advised that as President I will need it for the headaches. I will keep it in the Beaver Chapter briefcase and bring it out if necessary. I hope I will not need it!!!
--- Richard Starkweather, President

Don't think about what can happen in a month. Don't think about what can happen in a year. Just focus on the 24 hours in front of you and do what you can to get closer to where you want to be.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

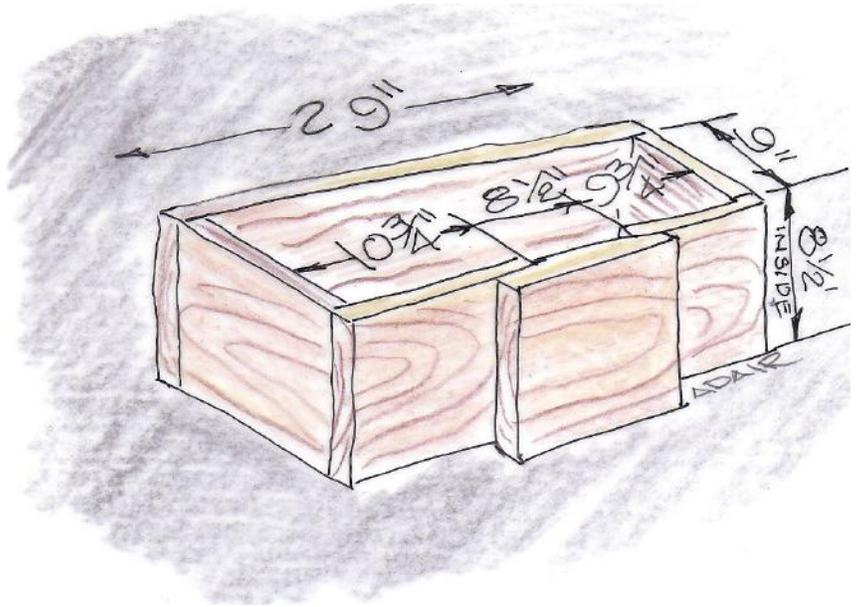
TECH TIPS -

Engine Storage

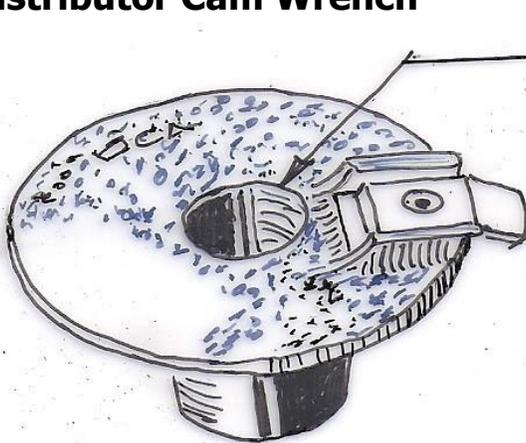
There are many ways to store a Model A block but an engine is different, especially one with an oil pan. I saw this example in Tom Irwin's garage a couple of years ago.

You can use dimensional lumber or plywood. Joints can be fancy for plain. Note these are inside dimensions.

~David Adair



Distributor Cam Wrench



DRILL
1/2" DIA.

Each Model A comes with a Distributor Cam Wrench. The rotor, with minor modifications, makes an excellent Distributor Cam Wrench. Take an old unusable rotor and make a couple of modifications.

First break off the spring steel that contacts the distributor cap.

Secondly drill a hole 1/2" diameter through the center of the rotor.

Presto, you have a usable Distributor Cam Wrench that will serve for the rest of your Model A's life. Since you have used an old worn out rotor, something most of us throw away the cost is nil.

~David Adair

Speedometer Gear

(Copied from the "Action A" Feb. 2015)

Owners of 1930-1931 Model A cars using a 3.54 rearend can nearly compensate for the 3-4 mph speedometer error at highway speeds. Simply use an 18 tooth 1928-29 speedometer driven gear (at the driveshaft) in place of the 1930-31, 19 tooth gear. Early 1930 cars are the easiest to correct, by merely bolting on the entire early speedometer driven gear and cap assembly, as this unit has the keyed end which will work on all oval speedometer cars. New gear and cap assemblies are available. However, you should first look for a good used unit from parts cars, friends, etc. The used one will fit better and cost less than a reproduction.

~Richard Leffler

You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do.

~Henry Ford



Vechno de Paris



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Fragile Velvet Frocks From France

"America has adopted velvet evening gowns, sheer as cobwebs, from Paris. They go to afternoon card parties and to luncheons too".



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The cream dress is embroidered with gold or silver, both cream and black evening dresses have a lovely uneven side flare on the skirt. The red and blue frocks are considered daywear, again each has a nice flare on the skirt. Note the evening dresses are sleeveless versus the long sleeves for day time; also hats are worn during the day. Notice the huge feather fan, three stand pearls and the fur piece; all have the dropped waistline and short length of 1928. February *Mc Calls* ~Jeanie Adair

BEAVER CHAPTER CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



It was another great potluck with the tables loaded with yummy dishes. The table of donated items (socks and gloves) was also piled high. The less fortunate will be kept warm with our donations.



A big thank you to Lori Symanck for planning and organizing the potluck! It was fun to visit and sing many of our favorite Christmas carols.



As always young and old were around the tables, with gifts for everyone.

The photo on the right is Mary Wohlgemuth's family filling a whole table.



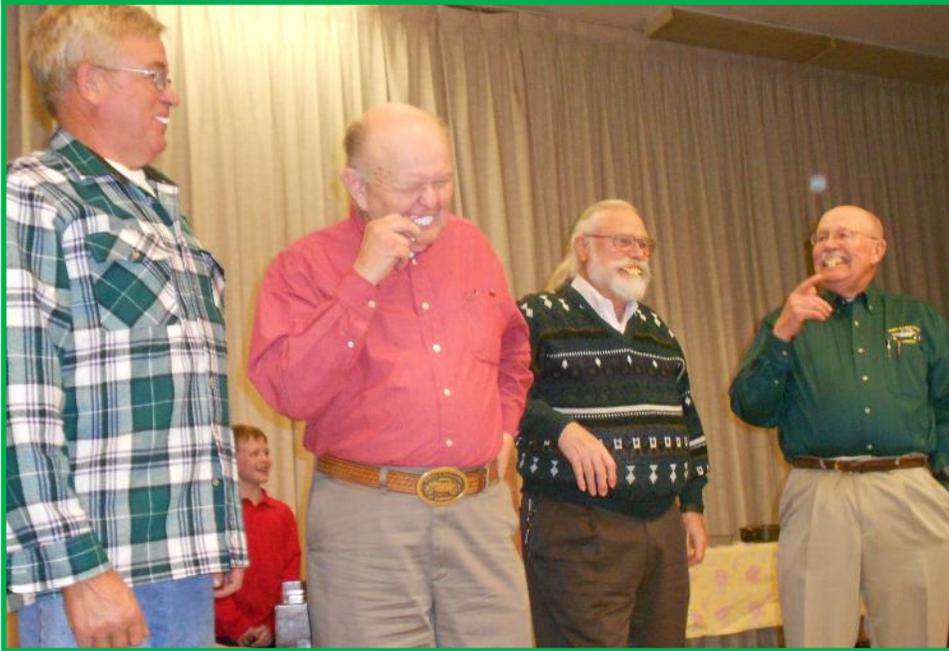
Anne Humble organized the entertainment - games, the singing of traditional Christmas carols and some very funny "non traditional" versions also . . . see the next page.



It was good to see Eileen and Morgan Ross attending after his recent medical problems.

Santa made an appearance and gave gifts to some who had been "good" last year, Amanda was one of those.

The "Buck Tooth Boys" (better know as Stan, Art, Lloyd and David) did a comical rendition of "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth". They gave a new meaning to the song!



The "nameless couple" on the left acted out "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with the "two calling birds"! Below is the display of the pictures we voted on for the Photo Contest.



BE SUCCESSFUL

If you want to be successful,
it's just this simple.
Know what you are doing.
Love what you are doing.
And believe in what you are doing.
~Will Rogers



MURPHY'S LAW AND MODEL A FORDS

- Never fix anything that is not broken.
- The nut or bolt which is the most difficult to reach will always be stripped or seized.
- No tool will ever be found again, once it is put down.
- Nothing is ever put back together in reverse of the way it is dismantled.
- One last pull on a nut or bolt to make sure it is tight, will always strip it, or snap it off, but if it doesn't get that extra pull it will always loosen and fall off.
- Bright clean and new parts are always defective, but dirty, greasy old ones work fine unless they are cleaned.
- During a roadside repair, with the wrong parts being used, the fit will be perfect and the repair permanent.
- A prospective purchaser, attempting to start the car, will usually cause ignition failure and or flooding of the carburetor.
- If a part is carried as a spare, it can either never be found or will not fit when it is needed, and if the spare part comes in different sizes or left or rights, the one you need is not the one you have.
- If, when removing an irreplaceable nut or bolt, it is dropped on a spotlessly clean floor, it will be heard to hit the floor and then vanish forever.
- Any tool dropped while working on your car will automatically roll to the geographical center under the car.
- The probability of a car starting is inversely proportional to the number of people standing nearby watching.
- The probability of paint running is directly proportional to the degree of prominence of the panel being painted.
- A tire will only go flat when the jack has been left at home.
- Any starter motor or generator will work perfectly when being tested. It will cease to function once it has been fitted to the car.
- When you double check everything prior to a run, you stand a greater chance of running out of fuel.
- No matter what fails on your car there is always someone who knew it would.
- Carrying an extra set of points, plugs, coil and condenser will usually result in the rupture of the lower radiator hose.
- The later you leave for home after a tour, the greater the chance of failure of the lighting system.
- No matter how rare the accessory there is always someone's uncle who had one just like it.

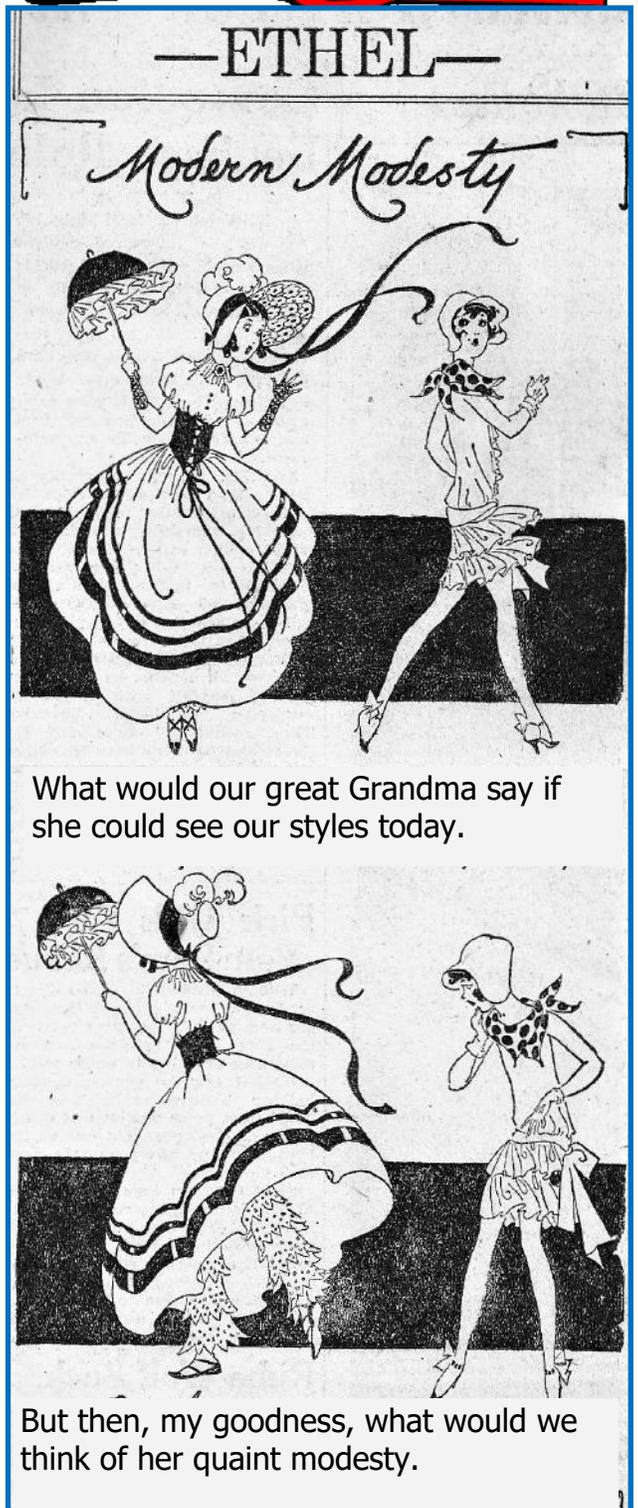
But at the end of the day it is all still worth it because I love my Model A!



HELP YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

The Ahooga News is your newsletter. As Editor I need your help with information and articles you would like to see in the newsletter. Do you have a nice picture of your car for the front cover? I love to have stories about you and the history of your Model A's - how about submitting your story and photo. I think that every Model A has a story. Information to include might be when and how you got your car, does it have a name, did you restore it, or where have you driven it. Could you write a technical article? I designate one page for tech articles but if you have two or more pages I could continue it the next month. Do you have a tiny tip about Model A's you could submit? Small tips are informative too. Your help, ideas and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Jeanie

Thanks Julianne Williams for the vintage era cartoon →



What would our great Grandma say if she could see our styles today.



But then, my goodness, what would we think of her quaint modesty.





You are cordially invited to a

Masquerade Ball

A Special Evening of Cocktails, Dinner and Dancing

Saturday January Twenty third Two Thousand Sixteen 6-10 pm

Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93rd Avenue Clackamas, Oregon

MENU SELECTION

(B) LONDON BROIL: With Pinot Noir Demi-Glace accompanied by roasted Garlic Potatoes and seasonal Vegetables.

(S) GRILLED SALMON: Finished with Lemon Butter Accompanied by Rice Pilaf and seasonal Vegetables.

(C) CITRUS GINGER CHICKEN: Grilled Breast of Chicken Finished with Citrus Glace and seasonal Vegetables.

SPECIAL REQUEST: (GF) Gluten Free (VEG) Vegetarian

Prices: Beaver Chapter Members \$30 EACH Non- member Guests \$40

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY Jan. 8 2016

NAME	MEAL CHOICE (CIRCLE)	\$FEE	CLUB DUTY (CIRCLE)
	B S C GF VEG	\$30	YES* NO
	B S C GF VEG	\$30	YES* NO

GUEST _____

Total cost \$

Make checks payable to Beaver Chapter, send to Eileen Ross at 5834 Tenino St. Portland, OR 97206

*Refunds for club duty will be distributed at the banquet **

Some people make your laugh a little louder,
 your smile a little brighter
 and your life a little better.
 Try to be one of those people.





Birthdays of the Month

Shirley Strutt	1 st
Leroy Benham	2 nd
Robert Peters	2 nd
Bill Cole	6 th
Elaine Thornes	7 th
Tony Sunken	10 th
Nurry Scott	12 th
James Beckwick	23 rd
Roger Edwards	23 rd
David Ollison	24 th
Rey Reece	25 th
Michael Blick	29 th



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 7th, Beaver Chapter Board Meeting at 7PM in Bob's Red Mill Boardroom, 13521 SE Pheasant CT Milwaukie.

Annual Banquet registration must be received by Eileen Ross by January 8th. You only have a couple days left to send in your reservations if you haven't done that yet!

Beaver Babes - The Beaver Babes will be meeting on Saturday, January 9th at the home of Anne Humble 16764 S.E. Hagen Rd., Happy Valley. Time: 10:30 to 1 p.m. We'll be helping with the decorations for the banquet and also planning the 2016 calendar. Please bring \$5.00 for lunch and RSVP Anne at landahum@comcast.net or by phone 480-620-9454 so she will know how to plan.

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

Remember to bring your Red Tire Tickets and put your name or membership number on the back of each of your tickets. The winning tickets will be drawn from your tickets that you bring.

Saturday, January 23rd, Beaver Chapters Annual Banquet 6-10PM at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. See page 11.

LOOKING AHEAD - Mark your calendar for Beaver Babes Valentine Party coming Saturday, February 13th. More information next month...

Where do snowmen keep their money? – In a snow bank.

What kind of ball doesn't bounce? - A snowball.



What does one snowman say to another?
"Do you smell carrots?"

What do you call a snowman party?
A Snowball.