



2015

The Ahoooga News



Stan and Lori Symank's 1929 Coupe. Lori took this picture last September while on the Past Presidents Tour to Astoria. See page 12 for her Photo Contest winning picture taken the same day.

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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 Anne Humble, Membership Coordinator, 16764 SE Hagan Rd., Happy Valley, OR 97086.

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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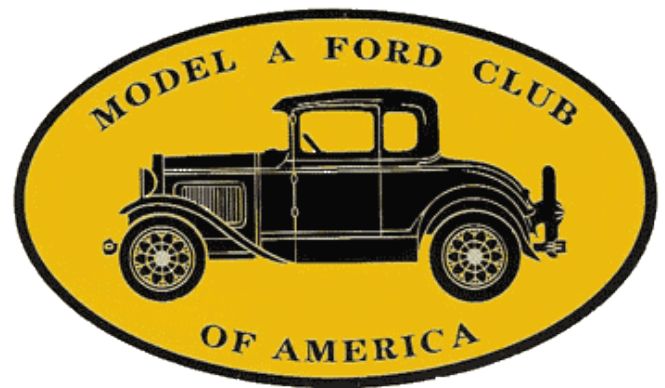
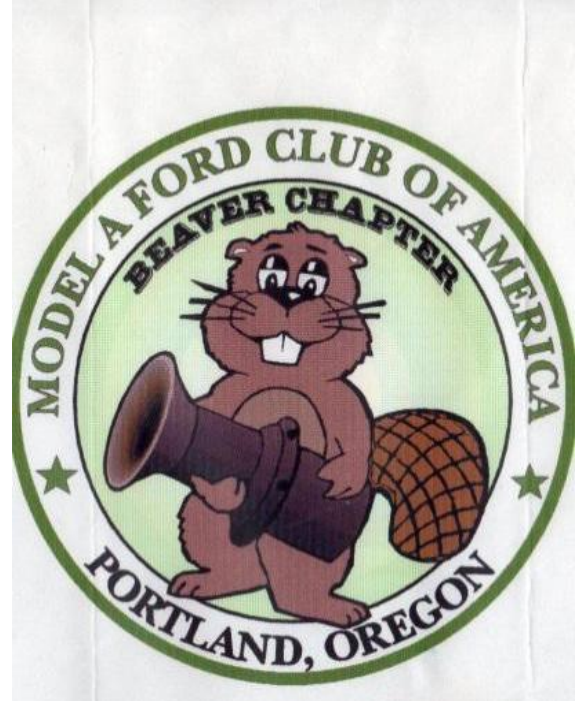
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NW Regional Group: Mike McLaughlin and David Adair; Portland Swap Meet: Tim Woodman and Dick Thornes; Historian: Patty Brost; Sunshine: Eileen Ross; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symank; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Art Pugsley.

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.

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 Ahoooga News*.

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



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I was talking with the president of a small California chapter a while back, and he remarked that the Beaver Chapter has a great reputation among the members of his club and other Model A folks he has encountered at club events. I have heard this before, and it always makes me proud. And it got me thinking again about all of the things our various members contribute to make the Beaver Chapter work.



There is a group that comes early to every meeting to open the building, set up chairs and tables and the flag, and make the sound system work; there are people who bring refreshments and serve during the break, organized this year by Mary McConnell; there are the ones who stay after to put things away and make sure the building is cleaned up and secure; those who serve on the swap meet committee and take duty at the swap meet; those who plan, organize, and lead tours; and those who volunteer to share their knowledge and experience in seminars, work parties, and written articles and books.

Individually, we have three very good local parts suppliers: Amanda Uthe, Gene Scott, and Tom Godish. Tom provides a wealth of experience and restoration services as well. Lori Symank gathers prizes and administers our raffle each month. David Adair plans the monthly seminars. Pete Smiley will take an engine over to Bill Barlow in Bend for a rebuild on his frequent trips to that side of the mountains. Lynn Sondenaa, Greg Edwards and Bill Jabs offer specialized restoration work. Jeanie Adair produces our newsletter, a *huge* job, every month. With help and input from several others members, Mike Worthington has compiled and written a comprehensive membership manual. Bob Erickson attends every meeting to assure that the name tag tickets give every attendee a chance at a cash prize. Ted Downs brings fresh drinks for us to *every* meeting.

I'm sure I've missed some others, and I apologize if I did, but my point is that it is the members who give this club value. It is those who serve as enumerated above, yes, but it also includes all who participate in and enjoy the activities, the tours, the dinners, the impromptu events. It is the full membership.

We are fortunate to have a comfortable treasury, but that is not what gives our club its richness. I believe it is A.E. Doyle, early Portland architect, who said, "The wealth of a city is its citizens." I would borrow and paraphrase that: "The wealth of our club is our members." That is what makes me proud to be part of the Beaver Chapter.

~Ray Horton, President

Giving is a joy if we do it in the right spirit. It all depends on whether we think of it as "What can I spare?" or as "What can I share?"

CHECKING ENGINE COMPRESSION

by David Adair

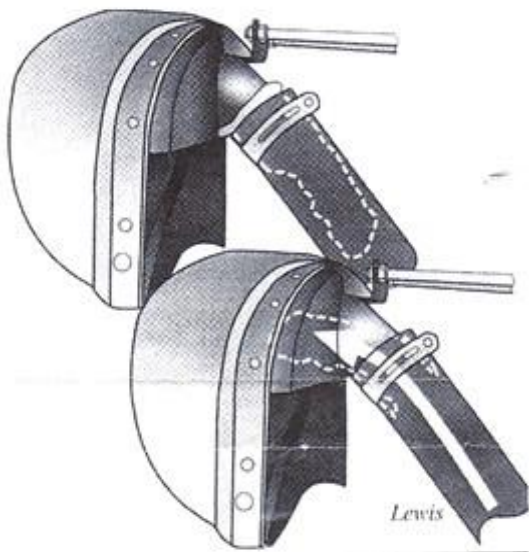
Annual Maintenance can also include an engine compression test. This is giving your engine a mechanical checkup and will enable you to evaluate the condition of the piston rings, valves, and head gasket. You can do all of this without removing the head. Once the head is removed you will not be able to check the rings or valves. A compression check is easy to make. You need a compression gauge and it is handy to have a sparkplug adaptor. (Bratton's sells sparkplug adaptor for \$6.50 listed under distributor parts) The adaptor allows you to thread the gauge into the sparkplug hole and will give a more accurate reading than a tapered rubber fitting.

Step 1. Remove all the sparkplugs and open the throttle wide open.

Step 2. Thread the gauge into the sparkplug hole, hand tight is adequate.

Step 3. Rotate or turn the engine over with the starter motor, 4 – 10 revolutions.

Step 4. Read the compression gauge. This reading will be expressed in PSI (pounds per square inch). Note these readings in a notebook or reference book you keep for this car. When you make the next compression test it is handy to see how your car is doing over time.



RAIDIATOR CRAP TRAP

Insert a short section of knee high nylon stocking into your upper radiator hose. Trim off the excess nylon hose after tightening the upper hose clamp. Refill radiator. The flow of cooling water through the engine and upper hose will force the nylon hose up into the upper radiator tank. Any rust particles in the cooling system will be trapped in the nylon hose. (See illustration left) Try it – it works!

By Russell Dunn, Denver & Jim Spawn, Kansas City

Tiny Tip: If you're installing a new top on your A, take some pieces of blue masking tape and stick them all around the edge of the roof below the tack holes in your sheet metal. Mark the location of the holes on the tape before you lay your top material out. Then when you go to tacking the material down you'll have easy reference points for locating the tacking places.

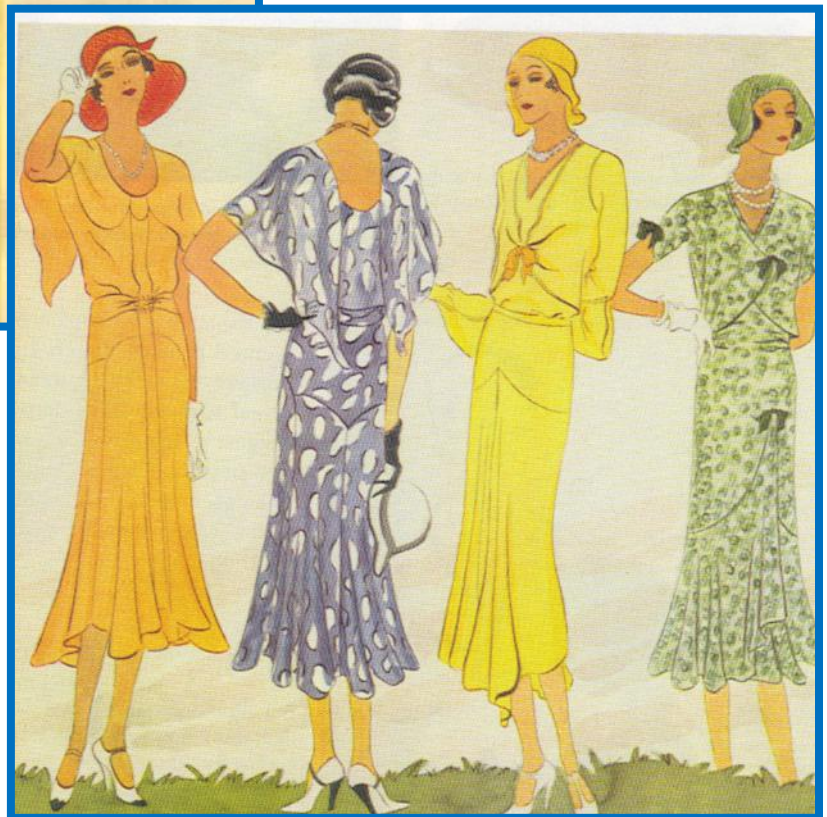
~Ray Horton



Sum-Sum, Summer Time!

What is more refreshing than a new dress for summer. This Model A era pattern features a fluttery Bertha collar that serves as sleeves - just enough coverage and oh, so cool. There are horizontal tucks on the bodice that repeat at the waistline, and it finishes with a bias flared skirt that resembles the fluttery cape. Of course poke-a-dots of any size were so very popular all during the Model A era.

This second group of models shows a similar line on the gold and the blue print dresses (they are the same pattern showing the front and back). The collar actually splits in the back of these dresses; and note that the tucks are also used here on the waistband; they have the same flowing skirt



The MAFCA *Model A Era Fashion Pattern Catalog* has a similar 1931 pattern you can order to make your own summer time dress. Or I bet you could research the modern day pattern books in your neighborhood fabric store and find something very similar with these era features. ~by Jeanie Adair

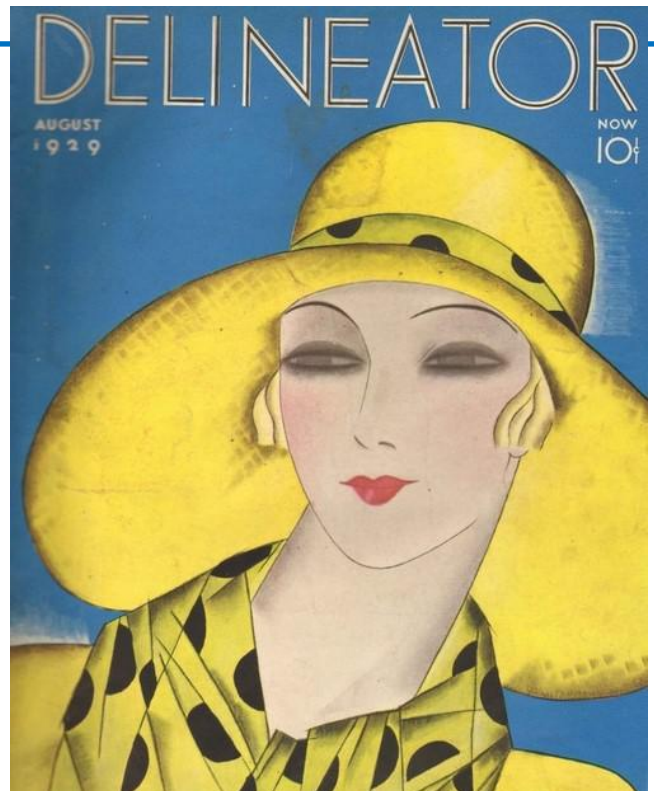
Crowninglori Hats is closing - everything is 60% off through the end of August!

BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 4, 2015

Present: Ray Horton, Anne Humble, Jim VanLente, Lynn Humble, Jeanie Adair, Amanda Uthe, and Jim Patrick. Guests: David Adair, Bill Henderson, and Dick Thorne. Minutes of the last board meeting were approved as printed. Meeting started at 10:42am. Amanda gave an excellent report of our club funds. Lynn and Anne Humble will lead a "Red Barn" tour through parts of Clackamas County in August. This will end at Brian Humbles and we will have a barbecue, details to follow. Swap Meet: Ray will write a letter to Dave Van Winkle, Swap Meet chair, and try to determine if our club still has to pay a fine. David Adair requested the club purchase a Diablo A video on brakes, it was approved. Anne said we should donate \$150 to the Schurman's for the use of their facility for the pancake breakfast. Bill Henderson asked Ray to read a letter, the subject was proposed by-law changes and additions. This request was tabled. Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am. Submitted by David Adair, acting secretary.



When old "car guys" go to the hospital...



Attention Ladies

On the first page of the *New Member Resource Handbook* you will find the Beaver Babes noted. We want to encourage all new and not so new ladies to take part in our get togethers. Our primary goal is to become better acquainted individually, learn facts/fiction regarding the Model A hobby. In general, become a part of the Beaver Chapter Model A Club family.

Marlynne Pugsley 360.910.2392 or 360.693.3874

PAST PRESIDENTS TOUR – September 18, 19 and 20th

This year's tour will be to Newport Oregon. We have planned a beautiful Model A drive to the coast and returning via the King Valley. We will be visiting the newly re-modeled Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Yaquina Bay Light house and looking for whales along the coast. More details will be available at the next club meeting. If you have not already signed up please contact Mike McLaughlin 503-504-0411. It is imperative that you let Mike know as soon as possible as he needs head counts for booking hotels and making other arrangements.

HEAD GASKET REINFORCEMENT

by Tom Endy

A number of years ago I observed an old-time Model A guy installing a copper FelPro head gasket on a Model A engine. One of his techniques was to strip the insulation off a length of 14 gauge copper Romex wire and lay a nominal inch or so on top of the gasket in space between the #1 and #2, and #3 and #4 cylinders. He would attach it with some glue. He explained that this would crush down into the gasket and reinforce the thin area of the dash 3 and dash 4 gaskets. Has anyone had experience with this technique?

Re: Head Gasket Reinforcement

I cut a piece of "tag" wire that is .018" thick between the two head studs that are in that area. I use super glue to glue it to the block. Then I lower the head gasket on top. I only do this on copper head gaskets.



Re: Head Gaskets Reinforcement

Been doing the same for years on any head with more than 6.5 to 1 compression. I use 0.020 wire and counter sink the stud holes in the head where the wire wraps. I have not found it necessary on stock heads or lower than 6 to 1 comp heads.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beaver Chapter needs someone to volunteer to be our Portland Swap Meet Representative. We also need a volunteer to organize the Christmas Pot Luck (the facility is already reserved and Bill & Barbara will help you get started). Lastly, we need volunteers to help with the Annual Banquet. Please volunteer to any board member.

July 15, 2015 Minutes of the Beaver Chapter Club Meeting

President Ray Horton opened the meeting at 7:30pm. Terry Finley led the pledge of allegiance. Guests Dale and Patricia Fielder who recently purchased a 1930 Roadster Pickup from Joseph, Oregon, and Keith and Sue Graves who purchased a 1929 Leatherback sedan two weeks ago were welcomed. The minutes of the June meeting were approved. The Name Tag Drawing was won by Eileen Ross. Got's and wants were circulated. Mike McLaughlin discussed the upcoming Past Presidents Tour, scheduled for September 18, 19, & 20. It will be in Newport, Oregon and will include a tour of the Aquarium and other activities around the bay. More details to follow in the Ahooga News. The signup sheet was circulated, and so far 36 have signed up. Jim Patrick was excited to give up the "Bucket of Bolts". The new recipient of the award is Bruce Barnett, who had some mechanical difficulties on the Regional Walla Walla Meet. Mike Worthington discussed the New Member Resource Handbook and thanked those that have provided information. It is now 10 sections. Bill Jabs made a motion for the Club to provide copies to each Member. A discussion was held and it was pointed out that it is available on the Club Website. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The Swap Meet penalty was discussed by Ray Horton. His investigation determined that our Members had been successful in fulfilling their commitment, as their slots were in fact filled, as they had been promised. The information that Ray had gathered was given to the Swap Meet Chairman Dave Van Winkle. Tim Woodman thanked Ray for his diligent work in getting this situation remedied. Ray Horton asked for a Volunteer for the Christmas Pot Luck. If we want a Pot Luck Dinner we must have a Volunteer. Ray reminded that 2016 Club Officer positions need to be considered. Pam McClafin reported that she knows of a 1931 Town Sedan that is for sale. It is partially restored, and parts come with the car. Contact Pam if interested. The Horseless Carriage Club (HCCA) is putting on their 50th Anniversary BBQ at Guy Talbot State Park, out of Corbett, on August 1. Our Club Members have been invited. Treasurer Amanda Uthe gave a complete accounting of the Club financial assets. Anne Humble reported that the August Tour will be on the 22nd of the month, and it will be a Red Barn Tour. The number of Red Barns seen on the tour will be reported by each Member. The one that comes closest to the number of barns that Anne saw will be the winner? After the tour a pot luck will be held at their Son Brian's house. More information will be on Shutterfly and in the Ahooga News. Ken and Mary Proffitt are celebrating their 57th anniversary Saturday. Congratulations to them. J Wylie spoke to our Members and shared information on his 1931 Deluxe Pickup. Only 293 of these were produced, and 29 remain, with about half still running. It belonged to his Grandfather, who purchased the truck in the 1940's. J has fond memories of riding to the store with his Grandfather. J assured the group that he will eventually get it running. Editor Jeanie Adair reminded that Wednesday July 22nd is the cutoff date to add information to the Newsletter. Jim Van Lente reported that we now have a brake centering tool, and a spoke straightening tool. Dick Thornes reported that Randy Downs, the Reservation Swap Meet Chairman for 2015, has agreed to continue for 2016 on a paid basis. We still need a replacement for Tim Woodman, but Tim will continue until the position is filled. Pam McClafin asked if there was interest in "This Lady Drives an A" Class this year. Let Pam know if you are interested. Eileen Ross, Sunshine, reported that Mary Proffitt's daughter severely broke her ankle requiring several pins to repair it. Patty Brost, Historian, brought 3 scrap books, one of them from the 2004 National Meet in Portland and sponsored by our Club. David Adair reported a video on brakes has been purchased from the Diablo A's. It addresses many important brake issues. Rayburn Mitchell will be presenting information on how he replaced the top fabric on his sedan, following the meeting. Bill Jabs will be hosting a tire balancing Work Party at his house on July 25th. Contact him if you intend to come, and bring jack stands. Membership drawing was held and #203 was drawn. Max Zirges was not in attendance. Ray Horton adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Richard Starkweather, Secretary

Club Refreshment: September-Smileys & Irwins; October-Kroons

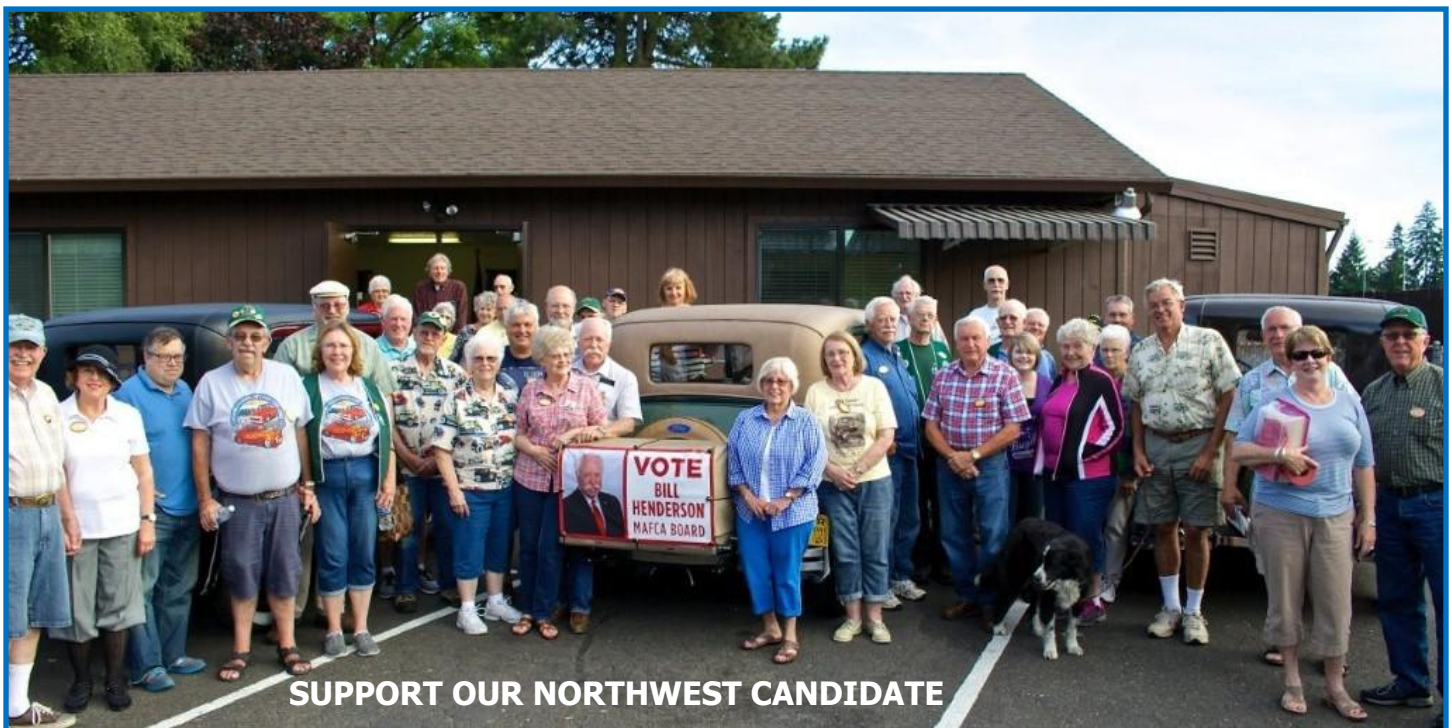
My name is Bill Henderson, I'm a member of the Beaver Chapter of MAFCA in the Portland Oregon area and I'm running for a position on the MAFCA Board of Directors. I'm asking for your support and your vote in the upcoming election in September 2015.

I am a Retired Department Store Executive, VP of Management Information Systems and then a second career as a Professional Boy Scout Territorial Manager for the National Council of the BSA and a US Army veteran. I purchased my first Model A at age 16 and have owned 5 different A's including an Original 29' Fordor that won an Award of Excellence. A Master Judge and judged at Regional meets and four National meets. Was awarded the Jack Payton Memorial Award at the 2004 National meet for outstanding participation. A co-presenter at the 2004, 2008 National meets tool seminars and have written a reference book on Model A tools. A member of MAFCA since 1989 and have served on the board and as President of the Beaver Chapter in Portland Oregon. Model A's are a family affair my wife Barbara is a Master Fashion Judge. I believe I can bring useful skills and experience to the MAFCA Board.

Thanks for your support.

Bill Henderson

VOTE FOR BILL HENDERSON FOR MAFCA DIRECTOR!



A farmer with an outdoor privy wrote to Sears for an order of bathroom tissue. Sears wrote back saying they needed the catalog number before they could ship the tissue. The farmer responded that if he had the catalog, he wouldn't need the tissue in the first place!

POLICY REWORDED FOR ANNUAL BANQUET:

Annual Banquet

Purpose: To provide a social venue for the club membership and annual awards presentation. To reward those club members who actively support the club by volunteering to work the Portland Swap Meet.

Policy: Any member of the Beaver Chapter who serves at least three consecutive hours of swap meet duty in any capacity shall be eligible for a complimentary dinner at the clubs annual banquet. The cost of the dinner shall be compensated by the club.

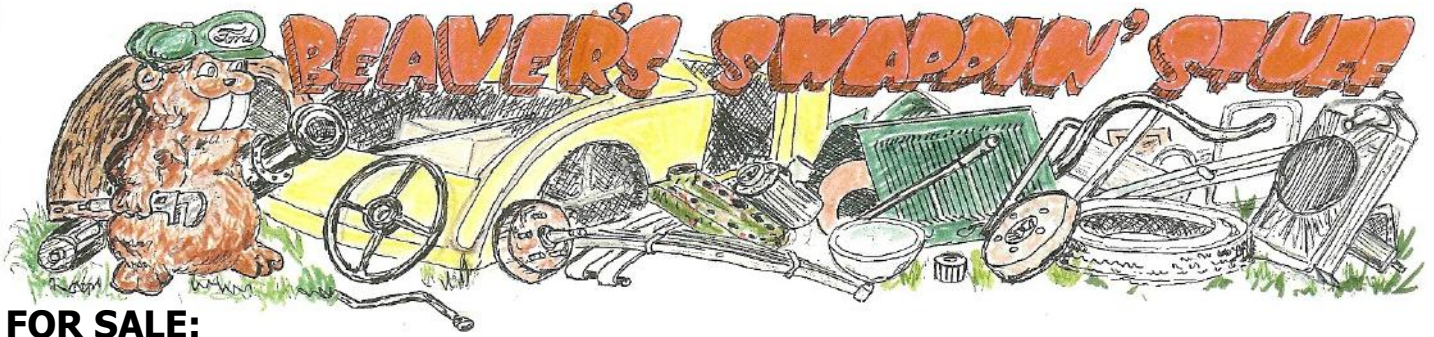
The club Swap Meet Representatives shall provide a list of those members who served a swap meet duty, either as a Beaver Chapter club duty slot or as a swap meet committee member duty slot. This shall be the official and verified record of actual attendance and duty served. Members who serve are personally responsible for assuring their names are on this list. If a name is not on the list, there shall be no reimbursement made. This list will be submitted to the club President and the Banquet Chair. Eligible members shall pay in advance for the banquet and shall have their payment refunded at the banquet.

All guest of members shall pay the full cost of the meal and are not eligible for door prizes.



LeRoy and Paula Benham's great grandson, Fletcher in the drivers seat. He is 15 months old. Picture taken during the NW Regional in Walla Walla in June. He'll soon be wanting the keys to the Model A.

REMEMBER THAT GREAT LOVE AND GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS INVOLVE GREAT RISK.



FOR SALE:

'28-'29 Closed Cab Pickup rain gutters, new \$10. Steve Fancher
503.234.8418

Top & body wood kits for '28-'29 Standard Coupe (45A) \$350 each.
Marlin Binder 360.604.8966

2 good transmissions (replaced with synchros) Lynn Humble 503.558.8609

WANTED:

Zenith 2 carburetor, Lynn Sondenaa 971.275.7475

GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office, "Is it true the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering then, just how serious is my condition, because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."



MEET BEAVER CHAPTERS NEWEST MEMBERS:

Dale and Pat Fiedler came to the July club meeting with their membership application all filled out. They just recently purchased their "new" 1930 Model A Roadster.

Welcome to Beaver Chapter!

Please add them to your roster:

Dale & Pat Fiedler

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 6th, Beaver Chapter Board Meeting 7PM at Bob's Red Mill Boardroom 13521 SE Pheasant Ct., Milwaukie

August 9th, All Ford Picnic 8239 Champoege Rd NE, St. Paul, OR. Picnic under the oaks.

Wednesday, August 19th 6:30PM, Beaver Chapter's Parking Lot Swap Meet, followed by the General Meeting at 7:30PM. The guys set up outside and the gals inside, come early to buy, sell or trade! The Dilbeck's will be serving sundaes for refreshments.



August 22nd Red Barn Tour, meet at Shari's in Oregon City for a 10AM departure. We will be traveling through the beautiful countryside on the

Eastside. Count the red barns/red sheds as you ride along. There's a nice prize for the count closest to the tour guides. We will end up at the home of Brian Humble, 11872 SE 147th in Happy Valley for a barbecue/picnic. **Sign up for a side dish or dessert.** The tour will continue down the Clackamas River Drive back to Shari's. The Humbles are tour leaders.



Lori's winning photo of Stan and their car (from the front cover).

Have you taken any prize winning photos of Model A's for this year's Photo Contest?

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Roy Asbahr	10th
Dean Boring	10th
Gene Scott	16th
Debbie Dutton	17th
Wayne Hilliard	17th
Sue Perry	19th
Pete Smiley	22nd
Tim Brost	22nd
Melanie Phillips	28th
Lloyd Dilbeck	29th
Steven Bee	31st

Remember birthdays are good for you, the more you have the longer you live!