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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.

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



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

Make check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send them to: Rayburn Mitchell at 23101 SE Firwood Rd. Sandy, OR 97055.

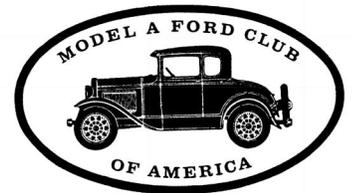
By-laws Article III, Section 2 states: "Membership in the national club (MAFCA) shall be a prerequisite for all active members of the Beaver Chapter."

MAFCA dues are \$50.00. Make check out to Model A Ford Club of America.

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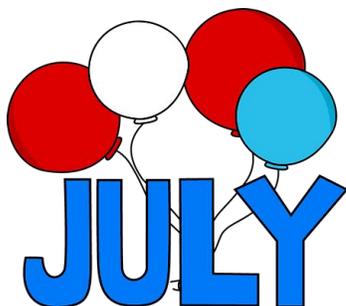


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits. **The deadline is the weekend following the meeting 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*.

Bert Uthe	4th
Richard Murk	6th
Jim VanLente	7th
Richard Sutter	7th
Jim Patrick	8th
Jordon Beller	13th
Jerry Dyck	14th
Diana Hudson	23rd
Rayburn Mitchell	23rd
Michael Gombos	25th
William Price	25th
Michael Haight	28th
Bruce Ernst	31st



Club Events: They continue to be cancelled!

NW Regional Group: The Spokane club cancelled the 2020 HUB tour scheduled for September. The next scheduled NWRG Meet will be in Boise in June 2021. Let's hope we can enjoy a regional meet by then!

Continue to drive those Model A's!!



President's Column July

In my last column I gave a shout out to Brenda Caseday who works in the health care industry. In my old age I overlooked Tom Ryan who is also a front-line health care worker. My apologies to Tom, you might remember him as the tire ticket winner in 2019.

Your Board has again voted to not have a general club meeting or club activities in July.

There are several small groups having tours that are not club events, and no tire tickets will be handed out. The Board will have an outdoor Board meeting in July. The date, time and place is yet to be decided. Check the official Beaver website for the latest information:

www.beaverchapterford.org

Thursday June 18th was a beautiful sunny day. Stan Symanck needed help to attach the female door dove-tails into his slant window sedan. I decided to drive my Victoria to Newberg so we would have a live model to look at if we needed a visual. Model A's have personalities, case in point. I parked my Victoria in front of the shop bay where Stan's slant window was parked. The Model A's could see each other. I bragged to Stan how well my Victoria ran on the hour and forty-five minute trip to his house. We worked on his car for about 2 to 3 hours. I got ready to return home and the Victoria fired right up and off I went for 200 yards as it slowly loss power and died. Great here we go again! It would not start, it had electricity and good voltage to all the electrical parts. I pulled off the carburetor and checked the gas flow which was fine. Took the carb apart minus the jets that needed the special wrench. It started and off I went to the northeast side of Newberg when it started to cough and sputter. I opened the choke 3 turns and it started to run good enough to get me home! So there are two morals to this story: Do not let your Model A see you working on another Model A, as they get jealous. Second, Don't brag about how good your Model A runs as they are like a teenager and just want to prove you wrong!

When I was home I had the correct tools to take the carburetor apart. What I found was a crack half way around the bottom of the cap jet. This is why the three turns of the choke kept the car running. It supplied the necessary fuel that the carburetor wanted. My Victoria was mad at me, but not mad enough to be placed on a trailer. ~ Lynn

How to Live Longer

It was grandpa Jones' 100th birthday and he was still in perfect health. At his birthday party he was asked how he managed to live so long and stay so fit.

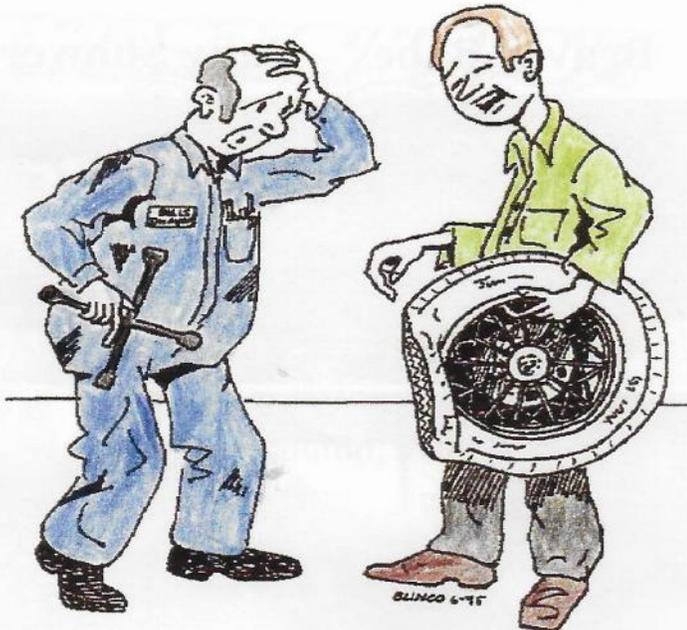
He explained, "I put my long life down to spending so much time outdoors. I've been in the open air, day after day, rain or shine, for the last 75 years."

"How do you manage to keep up such a rigorous fitness regime?" they asked.

"It's simple," he said. "When I married my wife 75 years ago, we both made a pledge. We agreed that whenever we had a fight, whoever was proved wrong would go outside and take a long walk."



The Adairs '31 Sport Coupe in front of the St Paul Catholic Church on one of our Spring drives.



Think you can repair it without losing what's left of the original Detroit air?

Check out this Model A collection:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_hNBCUKcP4

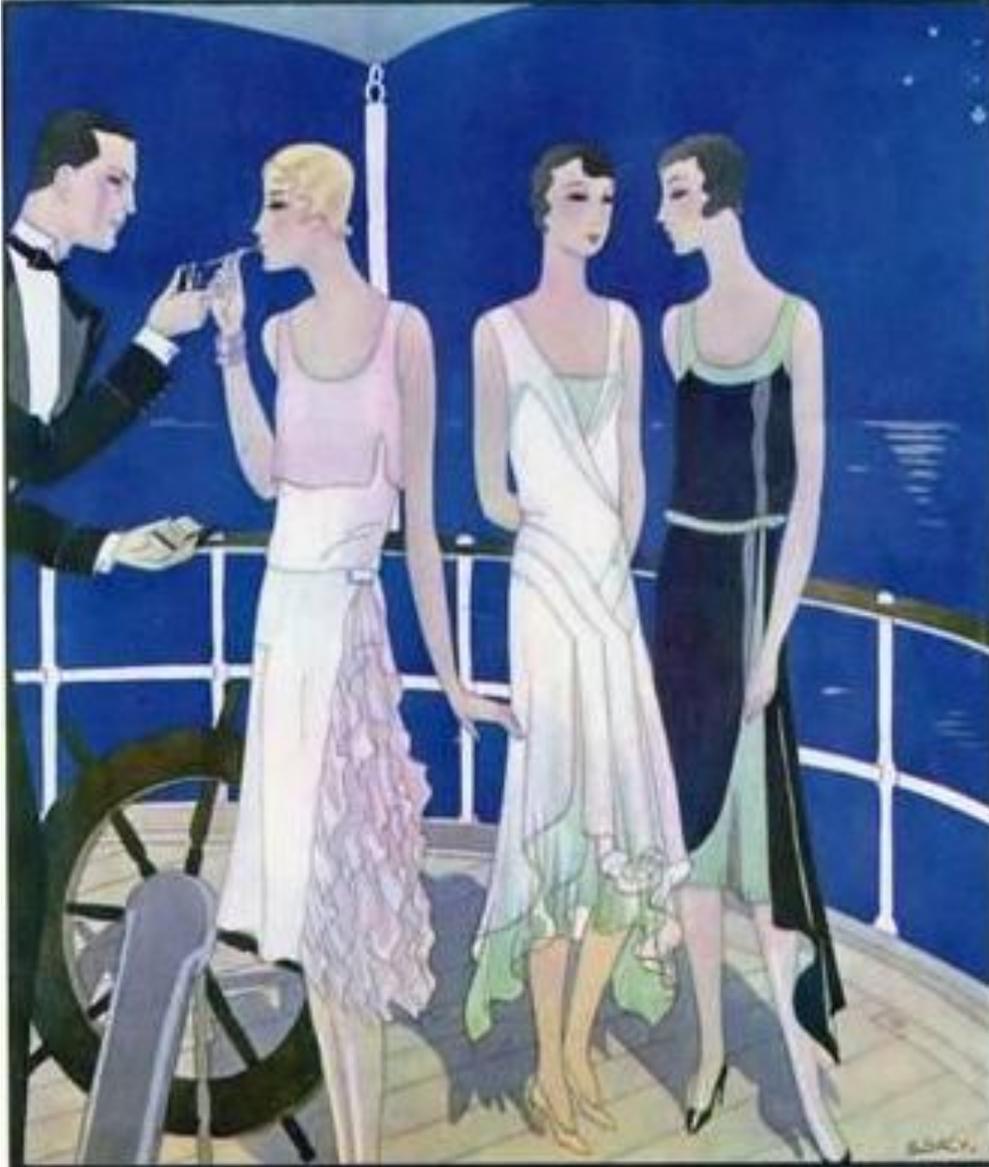
Tiny Tip ~ David Adair

I was watching a fellow lube his Model A on youtube. He used a small plastic bottle with a wire spout to oil in tight places. The tight places were all the brake and parking brake clevises, the two spots on the throttle body at the back of the engine, plus the distributor, to include adding oil to the drilled shaft at the top.

I was impressed by this simple oiler. I asked Jeanie where to buy a bottle and she said Michaels. Ugh, I can never find stuff there. I went on Amazon and bought a 4 oz. squeeze bottle oiler. It works well to add oil to all the spots that I mentioned.



THE NIGHT SIDE OF FASHION



This trio of 1929 evening dresses are from a British magazine *Britannia*.

Dresses in 1929 were shorter in length, even for evening wear. Although as these indicate, there were plenty of ruffles and frills and panels and seaming to make them special for evening.

The fine silk chiffon, crepe and satin material of the era would have made them a wonderful dress to wear. The ruffles and frills on the skirt would make it drape very nicely and would be a dream to wear.

As you notice the waistline is still not emphasized, although the black dress does show some indication of what's to come with its contrasting fabric trim that rests just below the natural waistline.

Scoop neckline, sleeveless and uneven hemline is also typical for the 1929 style for evening. A light wrap of some kind would be used as the night air cooled.

~Jeanie Adair

BORED? HOMEBOUND? PUZZLED?

With the coronavirus, jigsaw puzzle sales are up as it's a favorite pastime during this pandemic. MAFCA has picked up on this and is featuring not only the **A OF THE DAY** but also an added feature of the **A of the Day Puzzle!** You can work the puzzle by clicking on the site, it's of the A of the Day photo. Check it out when you check your computer next. David and I have fun doing it and it's become a competition of who can do the puzzle the quickest - it has a timer. Stay home! Stay healthy! Wear a mask! And wash your hands!

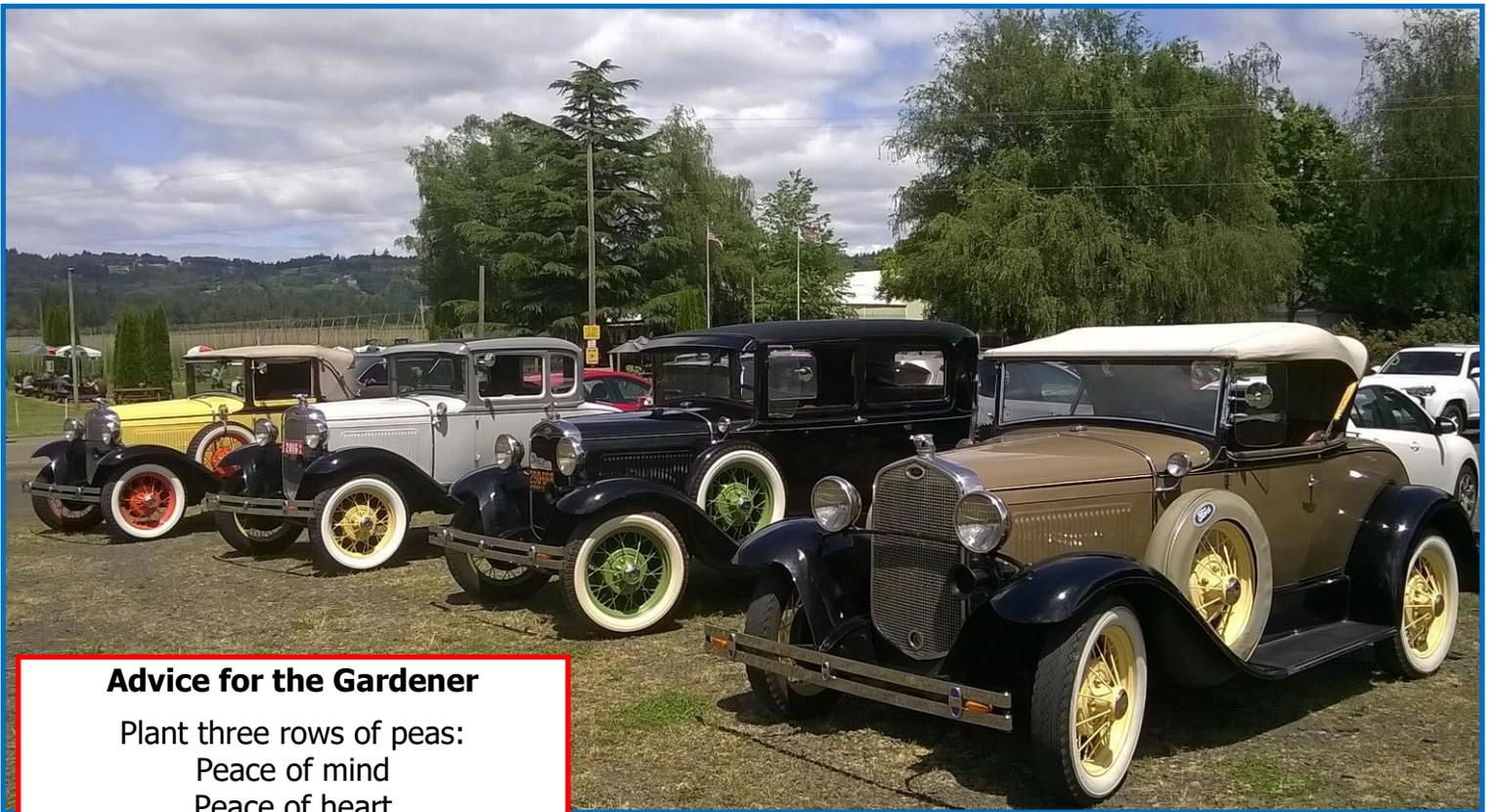
Remember, if you've lost, misplaced or thrown away your club newsletter you can always find it on the new Beaver Chapter website. Go to <http://www.beaverchapterford.org/> This address is also listed on page 2. Thanks to Richard Starkweather for creating the new club website.

Nail salons, hair salons, waxing center and tanning places are closed. It's about to get ugly out there.

ALL DRESSED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO



This is the way I've felt through this pandemic - why bother doing my hair and make up if I'm not going anywhere!!



Advice for the Gardener

Plant three rows of peas:
 Peace of mind
 Peace of heart
 Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:
 Squash gossip
 Squash indifference
 Squash grumblng
 Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:
 Lettuce be faithful
 Lettuce be kind
 Lettuce be happy

Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for service when needed
 Turnip to help one another
 Turnip the music and dance

Water freely with patience and
 cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in our garden
 because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden
 We must have thyme:
 Thyme for fun
 Thyme for rest
 Thyme for ourselves

Pretty nice garden, don't you think?

*Thank you Rene Metteer for sending
 this - she's quite the gardener!*

When you get some good weather, it is time to start up your Model A. Four Beaver Chapter cars traveled to the Rogue tasting room along the Willamette River near Bueno Vista Ferry. It is a spectacular area surrounded by hop fields and a wide open visiting area. Tom & Chris Irwin, Bruce & Bobbie Barnett, Stan & Lori Symank, Bruce and Manijeh Ernst traveled the back roads to our destination. Bruce Ernst's sister lives near by and treated us to a country BBQ. So much fun. This is the 3rd small tour we've taken so far. So get your Model A's on the road. ~ Tom

Tiny Tips - Hard Steering

If you feel that your Model A is steering harder than other Model A's, harder than it should, there are several things you can do to ease the problem.

1. Check your front end castor; too much castor (caused by sagging front spring) can cause difficult steering.
2. Improper steering adjustment; over-adjusting to remove play.
3. Worn front tires.
4. Low air pressure - 35 psi minimum pressure is recommended.
5. Lack of steering lubrication.
6. Improper steering box lubricant.
7. Worn steering arm balls.

If all the above have no effect, there is a product on the market to ease your steering. It is in kit form. It includes the replacement of the drag link and tie-rod ends with teflon, and can be obtained through your Model A outlet stores.

Patent Cures



Red E. Power

Retrain Your Face How to Smile – It’s a Pundemic Out There! By Emily Kelleher

Humor is essential, even (or especially) in the toughest of times. Shared laughter gives us strength in adversity and can help us feel a bit more in control when the future looks uncertain. Most important, funny jokes – even funny coronavirus jokes – bring us together. And laughter literally makes us stronger. Recent studies have found that a good laugh can boost our dopamine levels and even shore up our immune systems. So, while we’ll all continue to take the situation seriously, following the recommendations from the CDC and the WHO, we also need to laugh, and to have at least a few moments in the day that are without stress. A few COVID-19 jokes might just take your mind off the apocalypse-adjacent state of the world and serve as a reminder that there’s always something, however small, to smile about.

I’ll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you’ll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.

Finland just closed its borders. You know what that means. No one will be crossing the finish line.

What do you tell yourself when you wake up late for work and realize you have a fever? “Self, I so late.”

Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind, I don’t want to spread it around.

Where do sick boats go to get healthy? The dock!

Why didn’t the sick guy get the joke? It flu over his head.

30 days hath September, April, June, and November, all the rest have 31, except for March which was infinite.

What types of jokes are allowed during quarantine? Inside jokes!

What is the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

If there’s a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033?

There will be a whole bunch of quaranteens.

I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. Times are rough.

You know what they’re saying about 2020. It went viral faster than anyone thought it would.

What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The wurst-kase scenario.

Why don’t chefs find coronavirus jokes funny? They’re in bad taste.

You know what they say: feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona.



New Address for the Slacks:

32200 SW French
Prairie Rd.
Apt. B205
Wilsonville, 97070

Please change your
roster.

Its Not Model A - But Fun to Watch!

Ray Horton sent this link - it shows the original Model T Fords being built, then takes your on a ride along on some of the “roads” (such as they were). The factory workers are almost dressed up and the summertime heat must have been horrible.

Make sure to have your audio turned up so you can hear the narrative.

<https://safeshare.tv/x/ShbgvwazCZ>

New Beaver Chapter Member

Please add this to your roster:

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1931 Coupe

Tool Trailer Update -

Our head puller has been one of our most used tools from the club tool trailer. It was last passed on between one member to another last January. **Whoever currently has this tool would you please contact Ted Downs at 503.688.0249. ~ The Tool Trailer Guy**



Desperation Tour

On Friday June 19th we met for a mini tour. Tom Winterrowd was our leader. He selected perfect Model A roads - a little narrower roads, nice curves and a few dips and climbs back to level ground. Best of all there was almost no traffic. We drove through early summer field of many different crops. Wheat just going from light green to soft gold; filbert orchards with trees just like soldiers at dress right dress ready for inspection; we spied onions, garlic, green beans, squash, berries; acres of flowers just getting ready to bloom; and of course in the Willamette Valley there is always fields of grass seed growing. We were on some roads we had never been on before - it was almost a magical drive!

Our destination was the Gazebo at Brooks Antique Power Land. We all had a picnic lunch and we sat and enjoyed each others company. After lunch Tom conducted a tour of the car museum and he explained the lineage of each car on display. (This 1941 Packard is Tom's car he recently purchased.)

Then we walked across the alley to the shop where several youth, with adult supervision, learn the restoration hobby. Their current project is a 1929 Model A Roadster with just a few finishing details to complete. Jeanie commented later the roadster was "like looking at a newborn - all shiny and new". At that moment if I would have suggested we get another Model A I think she would have said yes! I think I missed a rare opportunity.



I titled this a "Desperation Tour" because we were all desperate to do something with our cars that had a semblance of normalcy. You can remember, at least I hope you remember, those days where Model A owners would meet with other owners and go for a drive and call it a tour. This is something we have not been able to do since February - and boy oh boy it was really fun!

Participating were Tom in his '30 Pickup, Pam and Terry in a '29 Delivery, Lisa and Rayburn in a '30 Ford and Jeanie and David in a '31 Sport Coupe. We headed home, making a stop at Metteer's to say "Hi". They were busy with a remodel or they would have gone on the tour with us. ~ David Adair

Remember happiness is a way of travel, not a destination. And what better way than in a Model A!