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The Ahoooga News



Dick and Joyce Murk's 1930 Fordor "In Full Bloom"!

The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, Portland Oregon

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.

The Beaver Chapter memberships commence on January 1st or on the date paid and expires on December 31st. A \$5.00 late fee is charged after January 1st for renewals. Membership Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month .



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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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*.

Covid restrictions have been lifted.

Beaver Chapter is moving forward... We are finally able to have a June Tour and Meetings. If you are comfortable joining us we hope you will. Masks are not required, no one will be checking if you've had your Covid shots. But if you want to wear a mask in a larger group than you've been in lately, please feel free to do so! If you're not quite ready to join us, we understand that too, and hope to see everyone soon. Let's continue to hope and pray life will return to "normal".

Jeanie Adair, Editor

Gary Myers	3 rd
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Jeanie Adair	5 th
Yvonne Boring	5 th
Toni Moore	6 th
Bonnie Starkweather	7 th
Marlin Binder	7 th
David Kratochvil	7 th
Shirley Slack	10 th
Richard Murphy	10 th
Dale Witkowski	12 th
Cheryl Witkowski	12 th
Ed Saldana	13 th
Mary McConnell	13 th
Sharon Fancher	18 th
Glenn Slack	18 th
Lynn Sondenaa	20 th
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Richard Pargman	20 th
Mike Stevenson	21 st
Robert Jones	23 rd
Ray McNamee	23 rd
Lyn McDonald	25 th
Russ Smith	27 th



President's Column June 2021

Dear Members as I write this column I can finally start with some exciting news! **We are having a June General Membership meeting!** Hopefully you have been vaccinated against the Covid virus. There is not a mask rule in place, but if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask please do so. In theory if you have not had the shots, you should not attend. It is on the honor system and we will not be checking for proof. After all it is your life that you are playing with.

Here are some changes to note: At this meeting there will be no refreshments or drinks served. You are welcome to bring your

own. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM on June 16th. Come early if you wish to socialize prior to the meeting so you are not interrupting the meeting. A big thank you for your cooperation.

I wrote an article about Model A's having personalities and to some it was me with disbelief. So, I am now adding a second article as proof to the personalities of Model A's. For example, let's look at Tilly and her behavior. Tilly is a 1931 Sport Coupe owned by the Adair's. Tilly is a film star! She was in a short film in May. She was praised, given attention, and had her picture taken with movies stars. Then the Adair's took her on the clubs first official tour since the start of the pandemic to Portland (The home of tents, trash and tarps). Tilly just was not getting enough attention so she decided not to start when the time came. She was happy as there were workers on the engine and bystanders looking on. Oh, but she started thinking these people are standing up looking down on me. That is not how a movie star should be treated. She would not start so David decided to call a tow truck. Now Tilly was elevated to a higher level where her followers were looking up to her. She was now happy and probably would have started right up on the tow truck if David had tried. The moral to this story is that you should go out to the garage and give your Model A the attention it would like. For example, it would like the gentle touching and rubbing of a wax job.



In June Tom Winterrowd has two tours planned for the club. There will be more information in this newsletter and also at the June meeting. Stay safe and the Board is looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. ~ Lynn Sondenna

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Yes, we actually have something on the calendar!!

First Wednesday Breakfast: June 2nd 9AM at Hive Social restaurant 602 7th St., Oregon City, 97045.

Beaver Chapter Tour: Saturday June 12th - Leonard & Debbie Dutton Farm Tour.

Meet at the Red Apple restaurant in Boring, leaving at 10:30AM to drive to the Dutton's. To alleviate possible Covid concerns, please bring your own picnic lunch.

Wednesday, June 16th, **Beaver Chapter Board Meeting** 6PM at the Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas OR 97015. On the same evening is the **Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting**. Social and "**bring your own refreshments and beverage**" starts at 7PM followed by the meeting at 7:30PM. There will also be a short **Seminar** after the meeting!

A tour in the planning stage is an overnight camping trip to North Central Oregon for June 22nd-24th - more news about that when its finalized... more plans are being made for summer touring.



Brake Shoe Arcing & Centering By Lynn Sondenaa

Do you know the difference between brake shoe arcing and centering? A source of brake noise is not arcing the brake shoes. Brake shoes need to be centered to the drum. Brake shoe arcing is fitting the radius of the brake shoe to the actual diameter of the brake drum.

Figure 1 shows a brake shoe in a brake arcing machine. This is achieved by grinding the lining on the brake shoe. It is usually done in a brake shop with a special machine. This will provide the total surface of the brake shoe to be in full contact with the brake drum circumference. A brake shoe centering tool can be fabricated at home or purchased from a Model A vender.



Figure 1

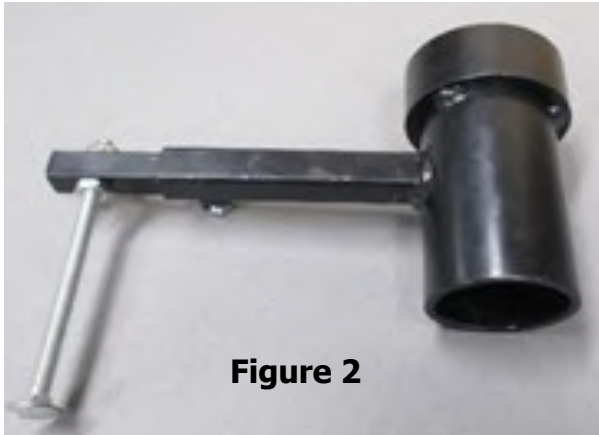


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a tool that will fit both the front spindle and rear hub area. Brake centering is a process using a tool to be sure that the brake shoes are centered to the spindle on the front brakes. On the rear brakes the tool rotates on the end of

the axle housing where the roller bearing A-1225 rides. You adjust the roller track ends by bending them to center the brake shoes. This is done on both the front and rear brake assemblies.



YOU TITLE IT! What would you title this photo? I'll pick the best or most creative title I receive. Please submit your suggestion by the 15th. There will be a prize for the one who picks the best title. Jeanie at jadadaja@msn.com or call 503.655.3189



Beaver's Homework - If you could have any car back that you have owned which one would it be and why? It doesn't have to be a long story... Include a photo if you have one. Send it to the Editor.

Be decisive Right or Wrong, just make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision!



1928 Brides

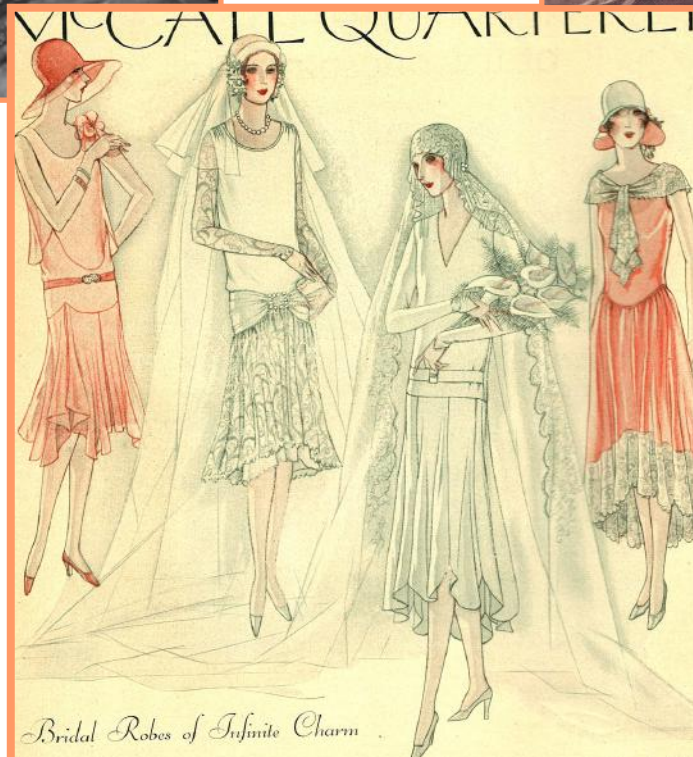
The early part of the Model A years found the bridal gowns short in length but the veils were extremely long in length.

I found this photo on the left on the web. It is of Mrs. Charles Coudert Nast. The photographer was Edward Steichen who took gorgeous vintage photos. This gown was by French designer Jeanne Lanvin. You can't see the length of the dress, but I would bet she followed the mode of the day. The material puddled on the floor is immense and must have been hard to deal with while wearing it. The bride seated is wearing a much simpler outfit with a lot less veil, even though it is also very long.



This is an important message for our age group-

A friend had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at the vaccination center. Afterwards on the way home, he began to have blurred vision. When he got home, he called the vaccination center for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor or be hospitalized. He was told NOT to go to the doctor or a hospital, but to just return to the vaccination center to pick up his glasses!



Left, is a page from a 1928 McCall's Quarterly magazine showing two bridal gowns and two brides maid dresses.

Bridal bouquets were generally very large. Jeanie Adair

They say we can have gatherings of up to 8 people without any issues.
I don't know 8 people without issues.

Sharpening Your Accessory Knowledge



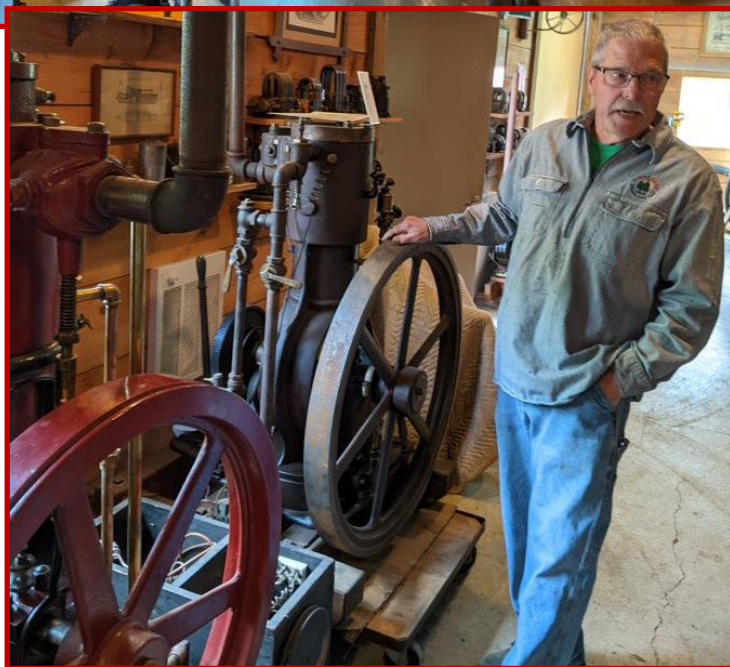
MAFCA Fashion Judging is not just for women! You guys can participate too. The latest article on the MAFCA website is about pocket knives which would be a nice accessory for judging. You might like to check this out.



Bill Prine's Workshop

Bills engine collection featured mainly one cylinder gas engines. He started a 1904 WIX gas marine engine. We all think of the one cylinder engines as hit and miss but most of his engines just coasted with a high rpm. Another unusual feature was most of the engines he has collected pre date the spark plug, they were igniter types receiving the spark from an ignition coil.

Thanks to Tom Irwin for arranging this last minute tour. Chris Irwin, below, dressed in Model A era fashions that included an era Panama hat and original pants and boots, she coordinated well with their 1930 Roadster.



Beaver Chapter Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2021

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M. by President Lynn Sondenaa. Board Members Present: Lynn Sondenaa, Tom Winterrowd, Kirk Metteer, Rene' Metteer, Jeanie Adair, Chris Irwin, Rayburn Mitchell, Debbie Dutton and Mike Worthington. Guest: David Adair

Approval of Minutes - The 10-21-2020 and the 2-24-2021 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented in the Ahoooga News.

New Business/Reports:

1. Editor, Jeanie Adair reported that the cost of supplies have been very well-contained due to club inactivity.

2. Vice President, Tom Winterrowd reported that on May 15th, the first Club tour of 2021 was a great tour on a beautiful day. Memory Lane auto and the Ladd Addition were quite interesting, unique places to visit. Some members are getting their cars out and enjoying informal tours.

The next club tour will be on June 12 to the Leonard and Debbie Dutton Farm. Those wishing to attend will meet at the Red Apple restaurant in Boring and leave at 10:30 AM to drive to Dutton's farm. To alleviate possible Covid concerns, participants shall bring their own picnic lunch.

Tom is working with club members to organize club tours for the remainder of 2021. Some tours that are in the planning stage: June 22nd-24th overnight camping tour into North Central Oregon, and a July 8th tour over Lolo Pass to Cooper Spur for lunch.

The "First Wednesday" breakfasts' attendance has steadily increased. The June 2nd breakfast will be at The Hive Social restaurant, 602 7th Street, Oregon City, 97045 at 9:00 AM. No First Wednesday breakfast gatherings are planned for July, August and September.

Some upcoming events that may be of interest:

July 8-11 - The Willamette Valley Model T Club from Salem is hosting a regional tour headquartered from Woodburn. Bill Jabs farm will be visited on one of their tours. Cars through 1931 may participate.

July 31, August 1st and August 7th, 8th weekends - Great American Steam-up in Brooks, Oregon,

August 7th - Antique Auto and Airplane show in Chehalis, WA,

August 28th - Cutsforth's Cruise-in show in Canby. Tom suggests several Model A's entered in this show might be a good way to promote our hobby.

3. Past President, Chris Irwin reported that she is planning a two-night tour to the Yachats and Florence coast for the 2021 Past President Tour this fall. She is planning for the tour to occur in the last half of September. Dates are yet to be determined.

4. Member-at-Large, Debbie Dutton reported that there are plans to hold the 2022 Swap Meet, with 60% of booth spaces currently sold. Many challenges lie ahead such as parking, bus availability and cost, how many duty spots will need to be filled from the six car clubs, and operating with only year-by-year contracts with Expo in the future (rather than with multi-year contracts, as in the past).

The next Swap Meet Committee meeting will be held on May 25th to start sorting out the challenges.

5. Membership, Rayburn Mitchell reported that membership is down 20.8% (about 40 individual memberships). We currently have 114 family memberships. Rayburn is exploring possibilities to streamline annual membership renewal.

6. Treasurer, Mike Worthington reported that interest rates are very, very low. He plans to replace maturing CD's with short-term CD's, in hopes that interest rates will be higher at their maturity.

Mike paid the meeting room rent through November 2021.

Mike presented a budget for the remainder of 2021, adjusted for anticipated increased club activity as we emerge from Covid lockdown.

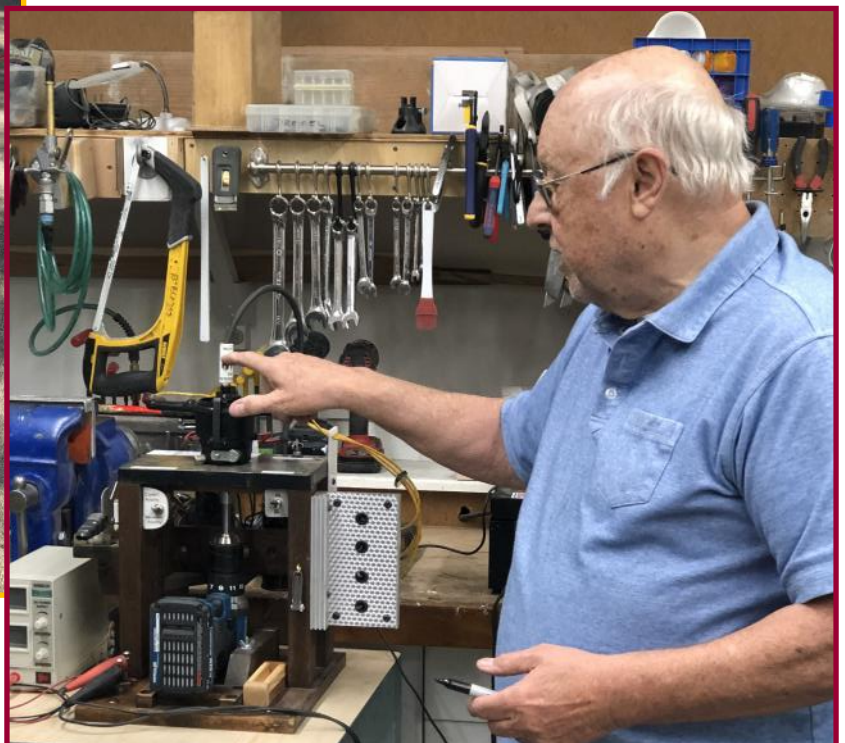
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A secret to happiness is letting every situation be what it is. Instead of what you think it should be.



Art Pugsley sent these photos -

The Vancouver Beaver Chapter members Art, Tom Ryan and Mike Blick are using "pandemic" time to run a new motor. It revealed flywheel wobble.



Former member Steve Pargeter, right, from Vancouver, demonstrated improvements he has made to his distributor and coil tester.

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Rumble Seat Driver's License

I thought this license might come in handy for those Model A owners who's "A" has a rumble seat!



BRAKES!

Once you get your A running, your next project is likely to be getting it to stop. Don't be deceived by the ease of brake adjusting wedges or believing that all of your problems will go away by relining the brakes. Or, worse yet, believing the old myth that "The brakes never worked on Model A's." Simply put, the reason for most Model A brake problems is the number of unlubricated wear points throughout the entire system. The slightest wear or out of adjustment fittings in all of those wear points quickly adds up. If you have 1/32" of wear at 8 places, that adds up to 1/4". At some point, your wedges and rods can no longer be adjusted to account for wear. When you have brake problems, start at the pedal and check every single component all the way to the drum. Borrowed from Old Dominion A's

Product Review ~ David Adair

Slip Plate, an aerosol dry graphite spray lubricant, is a must if you are working on either the front or rear leaf spring in your Model A. A new spring needs to have the bottom of each leaf ground or beveled so the sharp square edge will not wear a depression into the leaf below. If you are restoring an original leaf spring, the spring must be taken apart and inspected. Every one that I have taken apart showed considerable wear where the leaves gouged a depression into the leaf below. Not only do the ends have to be slightly tapered but the gouged depression must be smoothed out so the springs will be able to flex when a load is placed on it.

When you assemble the spring, spray the bottom of each leaf with Slip Plate. This will provide a better lubricant than grease. It does not squeeze out as bad as grease and this also makes the reconditioned spring easier to paint.



Guy's Seminar There is a short seminar scheduled after the June club meeting. We will demonstrate a distributor tester. You will be able to see the complete ignition circuit from the power supply to the spark at the plugs.

The Ladd Addition Tour - Saturday May 15th turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, ideal for getting our Model A's out. Seven showed up all shiny: Haight's 1931 Coupe, Adair's 1931 Sport Coupe, Inglis 1929 Pickup, Findley's 1929 Delivery, Humble's Coupe, Metteer's 1931 Pickup, Winterrowd's 1929 AA Truck and Scott in a bit more modern Pickup. We could feel the excitement in the air as many people stopped to ooh and awe over these pieces of driving history in the fifteen minutes before we departed. After a brief driver's meeting and the call to start the engines we roared off in a cloud of smoke and dust at the



amazing speeds of 25mph. After driving through Milwaukie and Sellwood we stopped at Oak's Bottom Wildlife refuge to regather the cars caught by traffic lights. We eventually stopped at Memory Lane where we had a delightful hour seeing all the classic cars that are for sale. Some partook of the food at Beez's Restaurant which had a 1940's theme with Betty Boop

as the mascot. Sadly two cars were left behind , for some mechanical issues unbeknownst to the leader. Then on to the Ladd Addition. We circled around the various streets looking at the rose gardens. The tour found a space to park the five cars at the rose garden near 16th. The group walked around taking pictures of the early 20th century mansions and the rose garden. The people who lived in the area came to greet us, take pictures and ask questions - what a nice reception we had. We had to leave these friendly folks and return for lunch. We high balled it back to the park at



speeds of 35 mph, even Tom Winterrowd's AA Stake Bed truck kept up.

We had lunch with our missing people in the rose garden and were serenaded by people practicing in the gazebo for their upcoming music festival. What fun!

Hope to see you at the next tour -
Michael and Penny Haight, tour leaders.



Ladd Addition Tour Continued

The Adairs had to call AAA to make it home...
the trouble is yet unknown...

Mike and Penny Haight, right, dressed up in
Model A era image fashions to lead the tour! ➡
They had radiator problems on the way home.

My Two Cents

By Mike Worthington

The good news is that the weather is improving and we seem to be on the road to social recovery. Our president, Lynn Sondenaa, learned last week that the Clackamas Community Center has revised their use restrictions. As things stand now, we will be subject to a few food handling limitations, but meetings as we know them are once again possible. The rules continue to evolve, and members will need to evaluate their personal situation as they make attendance decisions. We are all hoping that that light at the end of the tunnel is not a train.

Your elected Beaver Chapter board has met several times in the past year and believes that we are ready to go. Lori has raffle items, Tom has been lining up tours, Chris is working on plans for this year's Past Presidents tour, Rayburn continues to communicate with members, and Jeanie continues to produce a terrific monthly newsletter.

Also in the positive news category, the Swap Meet board has resumed meetings. We are in the early planning stage for the 2022 Portland Swap Meet, and I will report to you the planning status as it unfolds. As you might guess we have a lot to do, but we have some very good folks working the problem. One thing that each of you could help with is spreading the word that there will be a Swap Meet in 2022. Word of mouth is the most powerful advertising tool we have, and our success depends on getting customers to the gate. If people do not know that the event is back, it is unlikely that they will attend...

Thanks for reading.



Below is an article from the Livingston A's newsletter, *News Brake*.

If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind.

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The other day, Rita and Rusty got into some petty argument. (Rusty said it was petty. Rita would have said it was Armageddon.) As was their nature, neither of them would admit the possibility that they might be in error. To her credit, Rita finally said, "Look, I'll tell you what. I'll admit I'm wrong if you admit I was right." "Fine." He said. She took a deep breath, looked Rusty in the eye and said, "I'm wrong." Rusty grinned and replied, "You're right."

May Board Meeting Minutes continued:

7. Regional Report, David Adair and Tom Winterrowd reported that our club has been requested to host a regional meet in 2023. This will take a substantial amount of club planning and organization. The general membership will need to discuss this to determine if there is an interest, and if so, whether manpower will be available to sponsor a regional meet.

8. Seminars, Work Party's and Tool Trailer, David Adair reported that the Tool Trailer still needs some maintenance. He plans to meet with Ted Downs (who so kindly stores it) to determine maintenance needs. David plans to resume Model A-related seminars when our club resumes general meetings. Seminars about the Model A distributor and about LED headlights for Model A's were mentioned as possibilities. Work Party's are also on David's planning list.

9. President, Lynn Sondenna informed the Board that meeting room restrictions are being reduced. Currently we can resume meetings, generally as we had in the past, except we can only have individual serving of food and drink. No "community" food or drink, such as coffee, tea, or self-serve open food.

Lynn brought up the subject of having the "normal" Board and General Membership meetings on June 16th. Chris moved and Debbie seconded that we have the "normal" meetings in June. Following discussion, it was unanimously approved.

The Board discussed whether or not to have a December Potluck. Rayburn moved and Kirk seconded that no December Potluck be conducted. Following discussion including uncertainty about Covid and open food serving concerns, a vote was taken and it passed unanimously to NOT have a potluck in December.

Next, the subject of whether or not to have a meeting in the month of December was introduced. Debbie moved and Chris seconded to NOT have a December meeting. After discussion recognizing that December is a busy time because of holidays and family togetherness, and because our club doesn't generally have a December meeting, by unanimous vote no meeting will be held in December.

Lynn was recently approached about how our club plans to recognize it's 60th anniversary year of 2021. He looked into possible commemorative items, but due to order delay times and not having regular meetings to make decisions (due to Covid), it was decided that this subject will be postponed until 2022.

Lynn reminded the Board of the activities that are scheduled to resume in 2022: Mileage Award, Tire Ticket Drawing and Photo Contest.

10. Other, Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton each volunteered to serve one more year (2022) as Swap Meet Representatives. Chris moved and Jeanie seconded to accept their offers. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

REMINDER: Bring your own snacks to the June meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Kirk Metteer, Secretary

BREAKING NEWS

**Wearing a mask 🧐
inside your home is now
highly recommended.
Not so much to prevent
Covid-19 but to stop eating.**

**when was
the last time
you woke up
and thought
this could be
the best day
of your life?**

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,
but beautiful old people are works of art.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

As a jet was flying over Arizona on a clear day, the copilot was providing his passengers with a running commentary about landmarks over the PA system.

"Coming up on the right, you can see the Meteor Crater, which is a major tourist attraction in northern Arizona. It was formed when a lump of nickel and iron, roughly 150 feet in diameter and weighing 300,000 tons, struck the earth 50,000 years ago at about 40,000 miles an hour, scattering white-hot debris for miles in every direction. The hole measures nearly a mile across and is 570 feet deep."

The lady sitting next to me exclaimed:
"Wow, look! It just missed the highway!"