

The Ahogga News

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

FEBRUARY 2018



Tilly, our beloved 1931 Model A Sport Coupe in front of a historic home in Oregon City.
David Adairs story of the car is on page 8.

Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.



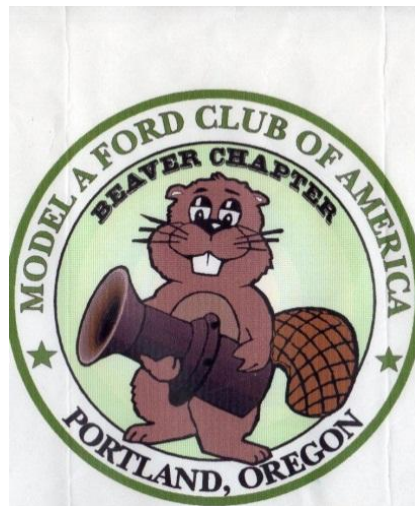
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BEAVER CHAPTER PORTLAND, OREGON

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. A \$5.00 late fee charged after January 1st for renewals.



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 membership application to the 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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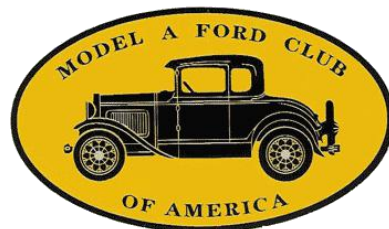
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NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Pam McClafin; Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton; **Historian: Need a volunteer**; Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symank; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Ray Horton.

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: February - Mary Proffitt and Brenda Caseday. We need someone to sign up to bring refreshments for June and October meetings, call Mary McConnell 503.656.8648 to do that.



If you missed our annual January Banquet you really missed a good one. Pat Fiedler and crew did an awesome job. Mike Worthington was awarded the annual John Rueter Mileage Award for the most miles driven during the past year. So now is the time to check those odometers on your Model A's and check again at the end of the year. Who knows, you could be the next lucky winner of this prestigious trophy.

Now is the time to sign up for duty at the Portland Swap Meet. As you all know our major source of income comes from the swap meet. Besides getting a free dinner at our annual banquet you also get a free parking pass and free entry to the swap meet. How great of a deal is that! If you have not yet signed up, please contact Mike Worthington to get one of those spots still left. This year the poster child for the meet is Ed Schroeder's Model T. That's two years in a row that a Beaver Chapter member has had one of their cars in the spotlight.

This is a good time to start thinking of some places of interest for tours this year. I'm sure some of you that have never led a tour have some new ideas of places to visit or maybe places to revisit. We do have new members in our club that probably have never been to some of these places and even if you have already been, it is often good to revisit them and see stuff that you may have missed the first time around. We have increased our budget for tours for 2018 so hope to see lots of new faces out showing off your Model A's. Barbara Henderson, our Vice President and tour director, has a signup sheet for our monthly tours so sign up with her and take

us to one of your special places. February is our annual bowling and pizza party so sign up with Melanie Phillips if you can attend.

Now is the time to get your A's in good running shape so you can participate in these fun monthly tours. If you need some help, we always have members willing to come and assist you. And remember we do have a trailer stocked with tools that you can check out if you need something special. Ted Downs has the trailer parked at his place so contact him if you are in need. And of course there is no charge for the tool use. Just make sure they are cleaned up before returning them. Why not take your sweetie out for a Valentine's Day ride in your Model A.

Chris Irwin, President

Valentine Dreams

One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it meant?"

"you'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams".

THE **FLAPPER** *Not For Old Fogies* JUNE, 1922

THE NEW FASHIONED GIRL.

Let them sing of the girls of the long, long ago,
Who were shocked if their elbow or stockings did show
But I'll chant of the maidens whose ankles are free
To show their half-socks, and the shape of their knees.
Let them praise those back numbers who turned in their toes
And panted and fainted when MEN would propose;
Compared to the short-skirted, bob-headed fry
Who meet all proposals with right to the eye.
Let them shed all their tears in a crocodile pour
For the simple simp sister who flourished of yore
But I'll cast my vote in the way that I feel—
For the girl self-reliant, bright, snappy and REAL.

“Change the Condenser”

by Tom Endy

On most any Model A tour one of the participating cars will likely drift to the side of the road inoperative. Soon after everyone gathers around someone in the crowd will surely yell out “change the condenser”. This knee-jerk reaction has become ingrained in Model A folklore. The truth is that good quality condensers available today seldom ever fail.

Over the years I have seen countless numbers of condensers changed out, but I have only observed one that actually failed, and that was because the ground strap soldered onto the back of the condenser came loose due to an over-heated engine.

The common practice for checking a condenser is to use an ohm meter. It will tell you if it is shorted or open, but not what the actual capacitance value is.



A Honeytek A6013L Capacitor Tester (called a condenser in automotive jargon) is available through Amazon for about \$17. The tester will tell you not only if the condenser is good or bad, but the actual value in micro-farads.

What I have discovered with my new Honeytek tester is that the good quality condensers from Bratton's test out at a nominal .243 micro farads.

I have never seen any documentation that Henry ever recorded about how many farads (or portions thereof) are required of a condenser to properly operate a Model A Ford ignition system.

It is difficult to describe what a farad is, especially when only a very small portion of one is used in a Model A condenser. A micro farad is but .000001 of one farad



The Honeytek tester is a unique thing to have along on a tour. You can easily test a condenser while it is still attached to a distributor installed in a Model A. Simply remove the car's fuse, and slip a business card between the points. The plus lead of the tester is clipped to the arm of the points; the negative lead is clipped to ground on the distributor.

There are still poor quality condensers being sold by some suppliers. They are easily identified by the ground strap being soldered to the end of the condenser. The good quality ones sold by Bratton's and a few other suppliers will show three little dots on the strap indicating they are stake welded on.



On the left is a good quality Bratton's condenser. On the right is a poor quality condenser still being sold by some suppliers.

It is unusual to see this "princess line" red dress in Model A era fashions. It was not a common line of the era, but it did pop up a few times.

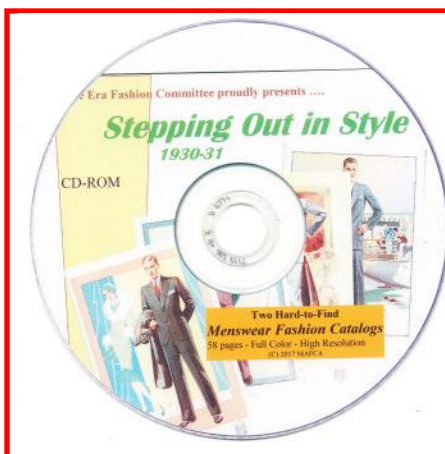
This is a very traditional princess line style with the vertical seams running full length down both the front and back of the dress. The skirt has a nice flare to it and the row of buttons down the length of the dress is very attractive.

The tan dress has a lovely horizontal line from the shoulders to the left hipline. Again, the use of a row of buttons provides nice detail.

Both dresses have simple slim long sleeves.

Their hats and furs coordinate well with their dress.

This was part of a 1928 *McCall's* magazine fashion page. ~Jeanie Adair



Ladies, check out the MAFCA website for the latest fashion articles. They come out every other month. Era Fashion Committee member Mary Carlson has an new interesting article on "Beauty and Health, The Model A Way".

MAFCA has released a new fashion publication - "Stepping Out in Style - Menswear Catalog 1930-1931". This is available as a CD or as a Direct Download, and contains 58 high resolution, full color illustrations from rare men's catalogs. The artwork is spectacular and will provide you with wonderful reference material for any occasion. It's available through the MAFCA Store or by calling the MAFCA Office.

BEAVER CHAPTER MODEL A BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 4, 2018

Present: (Board) Chris Irwin, Ted Downs, Jeanie Adair, Barbara Henderson, Ron Forehand, Richard Starkweather, Dale and Pat Fiedler, Mike Popiel. (Guests) Bonnie Starkweather, Amanda Uthe, Bill Henderson and David Adair.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Irwin at 7:00PM. The November minutes were approved.

Club Inventory – The Board reviewed the club inventory. It was approved to dispose of the walkie talkies, calculator, CG's and stop watches. These items will be presented to the club members to purchase. Lori has been given the license plates for the raffle and Dale will give her the club patches at the next meeting. Chris will ask Pam where the tables are located.

CLUB RENT – Our rent for the Clackamas County Community Center has been paid. There was no rent increase. An honorarium was given to Bob's Red Mill for our Board's use of their conference room in 2017.

HISTORIAN - Chris reported that no member has yet volunteered to be the club historian.

PAST PRESIDENT'S TOUR – Richard is working with Ray Horton to plan this year's tour.

2018 BUDGET– It was moved to approve the 2018 budget as presented by the 2017 Board. The motion passed and the budget will be presented at the January General Meeting by Ron Forehand, our new Treasurer. Amanda volunteered to bring her computer for Ron to use for the presentation.

DONATIONS – Open suggestions for our club donations will be at the April general meeting.

TOURS – Barbara Henderson distributed Beaver Chapter Tour Sign up Sheets and Forms to all the Board Members. Bill Henderson designed a box for our ticket rolls. It was approved that we reimburse Bill for his expenses.

NEWSLETTER – Jeanie would appreciate submission of articles for the newsletter by the weekend following the general meeting. If you are attending a tour, please send pictures to Jeanie.

ANNUAL BANQUET – Pat reported that everything was ready for the Banquet which will be at the Monarch Hotel on Jan. 13th from 6:00-10:00. We have approximately 80 people registered.

NEW BOARD MEETING DATE & PLACE – The Board approved to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (same day as the General Meeting) at 6:00PM at the Clackamas Community Center (small meeting room).

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler, Secretary



Jim's Tech Tip - Winter Tire Pressures

If you drive your Model A in the winter, and I hope you can, remember to check the tire pressure when the mercury drops. Cold temperatures make the air pressure in the tires go down. Low tire pressure makes steering harder, and lowers your gas mileage. You may notice a little bit of a vibration, due to flat sport on the tires, when you first start driving. These should go away as the tires roll and the rubber warms up. ~ Jim Cannon

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IN?

Do you believe in something enough to invest years of long days or hours in, and short nights, to see something accomplished?

Do you believe in Beaver Chapter enough to invest your time in it?

BEAVER TALES

The "A" is driven by Mudder
And his wife was heard to utter
"There's oil on our new drive,
I could skin you alive!"
Now Irv's fate makes me shudder



Beaver Chapter General Meeting Minutes January 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chris Irwin at 7:30PM. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. The November 2017 minutes were approved.

NAME TAG DRAWING was won by Tom Ryan.

2017 JOHN REUTER MILEAGE TROPHY was given to Mike Worthington by J Wyllie. Mike drove 4,304 miles. Tom Irwin was 2nd place with 2,104 miles.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS – Tom and Chris Irwin

BUDGET – Ron Forehand and Amanda Uthe presented proposed 2018 Budget. It was approved.

REFRESHMENTS – The 2018 Refreshment Volunteer List was passed around. Thanks to Randy Selvester and Tanya Johns for refreshments this evening and Ted Downs for our beverages.

SWAP MEET – Members of our club have the opportunity to assist at the Information Booth at the Swap Meet. This duty counts towards the Beaver Chapter job obligations. If interested, please contact Tara McConnell 503-960-4091 (cell) or 503-656-8648 (Home). Mike Worthington reported that we still have 20 job slots to fill. Remember, the checks we receive from the Swap Meet pay for the lion's share of our budget, so please call Mike and volunteer for Swap Meet duty. Our members, Cliff & Christine Walters from Joseph, Oregon signed up to volunteer at the Swap Meet – pretty impressive!

HISTORIAN position is still open. Please call Chris Irwin if you are able to fill this position.

Chris Irwin reported that Bert Uthe is now an honorary club member.

2018 TOURS – Barbara Henderson requested signups for our 2018 Tours. She reported that the Bowling Tour, which is being planned by Melanie Phillips, is on Feb. 17th at the Milwaukie Kellogg Bowl, that's a week earlier than usual.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Ron Forehand.

NEWSLETTER – Jeanie Adair asked for pictures and articles for the Newsletter. The deadline to submit any materials is the weekend after the General Meeting.

SUNSHINE REPORT by Brenda Caseday – Stan Symank has recovered from his accident. Mike Hatley has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and finds it necessary to cancel his membership. At some point he will be selling his cars. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

DRAWINGS - There was no winner of the MEMBERSHIP DRAWING. Mary McConnell won the TIRE DRAWING. Mike Worthington won the \$100 prize and Brenda Caseday won the \$50 prize.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Fiedler, Secretary

A visible gift typically returns to you as a "Thank you!"

An anonymous gift typically returns to you as a life time of pleasant heart hidden memories.

Which would you actually prefer?

It was Valentine's day and Jim and Danielle's first date. They sat in the darkened cinema waiting for the film to start. The screen finally lit up with a flashy advertisement for the cinema's concession stand. Jim and Danielle realized that there was no sound. The film began but the silence continued. Suddenly, out of the darkness, an irritated voice in the crowd loudly shouted, "Okay, who's got the remote control?"

My First Model A Ford ~ David Adair

There are many firsts in life and we remember most of them. This story is about one of those firsts, my first car, a Model A. My dad was really the one who wanted me to have a Model A. He started looking for one when I was thirteen. I have learned the availability of Model A's in the fifties was excellent. But dad was really fussy and he just continued to look. In thinking back to my early teen years, I was not very aware of what was going on car wise.



In 1958 we lived in Klamath Falls and early in the year Mom and Dad drove to Colorado. On the way through Nevada dad saw a really nice-looking Model A parked at a service station and he told mom "On the way back we will have to stop and look at that car". He did, the owner ran a garage and did mechanical work. He told all about the car, but the upshot of the conversation, he was not ready to sell.

In August of the same year mom was driving home. It was just by chance that she saw the very same car for sale. She waited patiently for dad to get home from work and told him about the car the minute he walked in the door. They went back and sure enough it was the same Model A they looked at in Sparks Nevada. Of course, he remembered dad and gave him the first choice to buy. The owner had decided to give the car to a daughter who lived in Alaska. They were towing the A and it was not towing well. The kingpins were loose, and he knew the car would not tow well on the Al-Can Highway. Klamath Falls was the first stop on the way from Sparks.

I had spent most of the summer working on a farm East of Klamath falls. Pay was room and board plus \$6.00 per day. I think that was the minimum wage in '58. Any way on August 29th dad called and asked me "How much money do you have?" I told him \$300 and he said, "That's enough". The only trouble was it was a check from the farmer and this was Friday and all the banks closed at 5:00pm. But we managed to have a friend of dad's cash my check. Now it was over to see the seller.

Coincidentally \$300 was the sales price. And \$300 was most of my summer savings. Oh well, I was fifteen and buying my very own car. This was much better than riding a bicycle. This was a sharp car for one being 27 years old. There was black and white Naugahyde seats (later I learned this was over brown check). The hood and upper body was painted black, the side below the belt rail was white, and fenders and splash aprons were also black, and the wheels were white. I thought it looked sharp and it was all mine, no conditions attached, or so I thought.

Mom drove our '56 Chev home and dad and I drove the A. I can remember this part like it was yesterday. One of the first things I said, "Lets put the top down" and dad said, "It doesn't go down, this is a Sport Coupe". I was crushed. After all, we had looked at a 1930 Cabriolet and the top went down. This car looked just like the Cabriolet. That was how I learned the major difference between a Sport Coupe and a Cabriolet. Then he said, "There is one more thing, you don't want to drive this car more than thirty-five miles an hour, you will tear it up". This, added to the fixed top was a cruel blow, almost more than I could bare.

There were more instructions such as. Always turn the gas off. Why? Well if you are parked for quite a while you might not have any gas left. Then there was the spark, this had to be up when the engine was started, then adjusted down. Over the sixty years later there has been more instructions and insights to Model A'ing.

Eleven years after I bought my first car, restoration became a consideration. I had taken care of my service obligation, finished college, married the love of my life and had a house with a garage. For me restoration was a tedious process and I had to do almost everything twice and some things three or more times to get it right. A few things were OK as is. But that was then, and I have also now corrected those.

At the time, August 1958, I did not have any appreciation for what I had purchased. I do not remember the owners name or very much history of the car. I am the third owner of a late '31. During the restoring process I discovered that our car was complete. I replaced the push button . . .

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starter on the dash. Got rid of the solenoid and added a proper Model A starter motor with a foot switch. A tray package had to be added and there was the question of ignition switches, I had to buy a pop out switch. Plus, it required 5 new hub caps.

Now it is 2018 and we have logged over sixty thousand miles on both short and long trips. And during this time, we have made hundreds of Model A friends. In fact, once when our children were young, we had visited with some friends from church. On the way home one of the girls said, "They don't have a Model A in their garage". Knowing so many people with A's the kids thought everyone owned a Model A. To me, owning a Model is the way things are supposed to be. And today the Sport Coupe seems almost like family. I had no intentions of keeping the car this long. And I tell anyone who wants to listen that I will sell it in a minute if the price is right!

Beaver Chapter's Annual Banquet



The banquet was a very nice evening. We had the local Brost family in attendance as we toasted Pat and Patty for their years of service in the club. Bill Henderson created the podium plaque.

Pictured left is Liza and her husband Chris, Tim, Chris and Sherry & David.

A big thank you to Pat Fiedler and her committee for planning and executing the event.

We were entertained by Tim Alexander, a strolling magician and music was provided by Carlton Jackson & Friends.



Long time member Sue Perry was there...



More banquet photos...

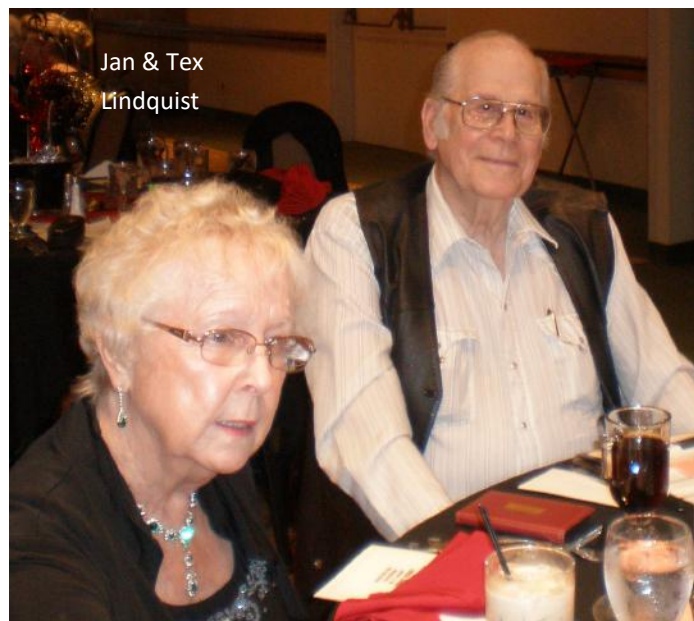


David Caseday and
Ken & Mary Proffitt

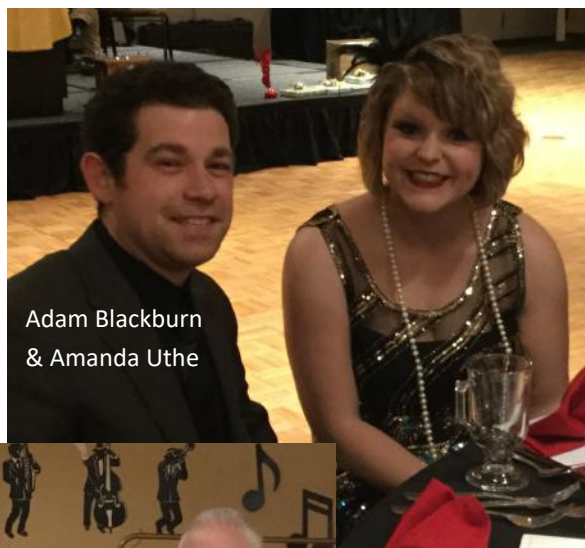
There were old friends and new ones in attendance...



Bobbie & Bruce
Goldson



Jan & Tex
Lindquist



Adam Blackburn
& Amanda Uthe

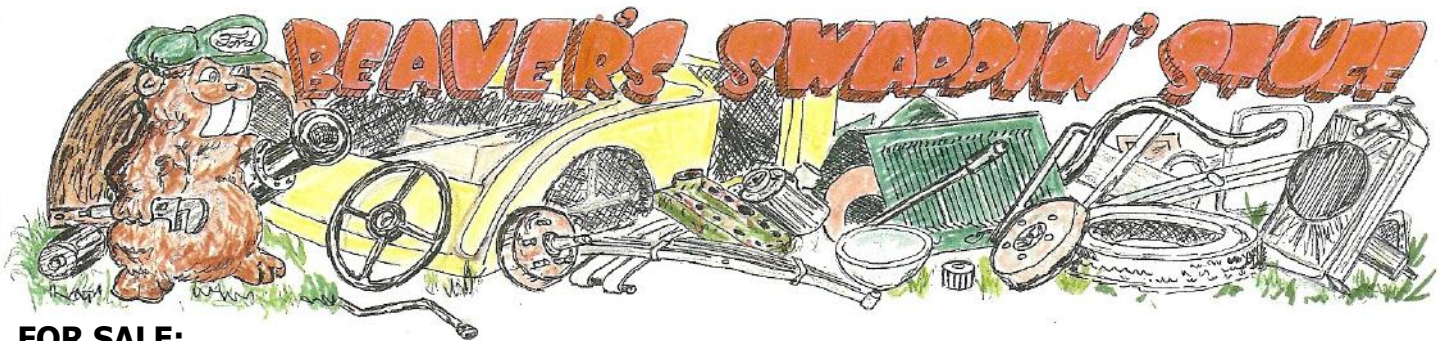


Bill & Barbara
Henderson



Lloyd Dilbeck
was the official
photographer
for the evening.

The Irwin's were
the winners of the
photo contest for
the year.



FOR SALE:

'28-'29 Touring new body wood and body blocks, \$425. Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

Complete rebuilt front and rear backing plates with emergency brake set up. Lynn Sondenaa 503.781.9741

Rebuilt distributor, complete rebuilt modern points, \$75. Tom Irwin 503.538.5227

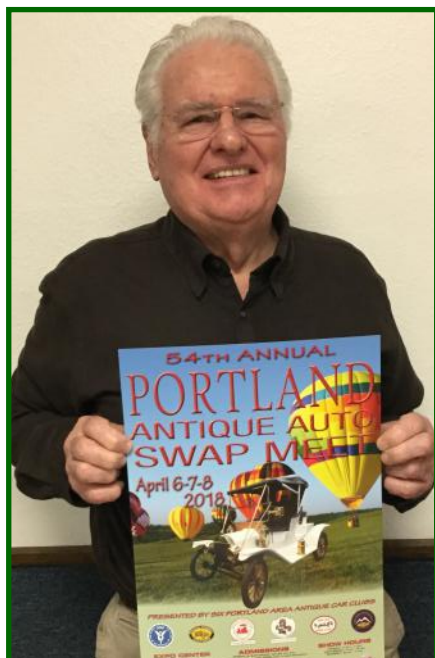
WANTED:

1929 License plate, 1933 license plate. Lynn Sondenaa 503.781.9741



Red Tire Ticket Winners!

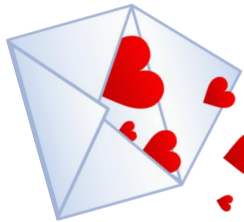
Mary McConnell was the big winner for the night, with Mike Worthington receiving \$100 and Brenda Caseday coming in last with \$50! Not bad for just showing up at meeting and tours and saving your tickets for the drawing. Congratulations!



Ed Schroder's car is featured on the poster for this years Portland Swap Meet.

Mike Worthington, on the right, won the John Rueter traveling mileage trophy for 2017. He drove his Model A's a total of 4,304 miles during the year. Way to go!!





FEBRUARY

CALENDAR

OF EVENTS:

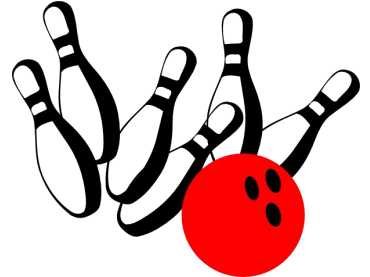
February Bowling Tour

Dust off your bowling ball and find those bowling shoes (if you don't have any you will be provided with some).

Saturday, February 17th at 12 noon Kellogg Bowling Lanes
10306 SE Main St Milwaukie, Oregon.

Once we're through bowling, we'll go next door to Pietro's Pizza - and guess what - we'll eat pizza! If you didn't sign up at the January Beaver Chapter club meeting call Melanie Phillips, at 503.481.6436. This tour is a week earlier than our normal tour dates.

February 17-18th Early Bird Swap Meet is held at the Puyallup, WA, fair grounds.



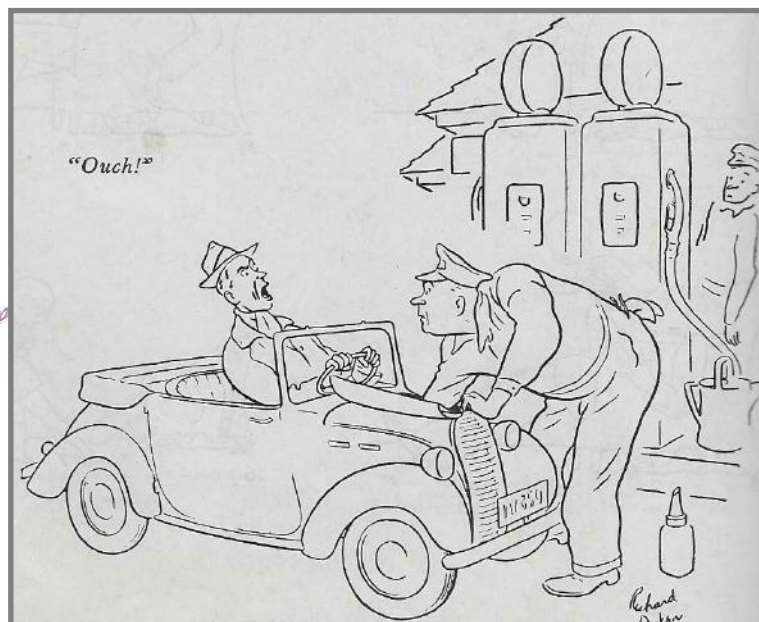
Change - The Beaver Chapter Board Meeting has changed time and location: We will be meeting prior to the club meeting in the house next door. So that will be Wednesday, February 21st at 6PM sharp!

Wednesday, February 21st, **Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting** 7PM social & refreshments, meeting starts at 7:30PM at Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas, OR 97015. There will be a Guys Seminar, Part 1 of Model A Horns - Maintenance. Since the guys will have a seminar, the ladies will meet separately for something more interesting to them.

TOUR IDEAS? Would you consider leading a tour? Do you know of someplace that would be fun and interesting to go to? We're always looking for new and unusual places to go. If you haven't lead a tour before don't be shy, ask for some help. Call Barbara Henderson at 503.656.1890 to volunteer to help.

Mystery Model A Part

Submit your guess at the club meeting, one guess per member. First correct guess drawn will win a gift card.



Gene King	1st
Gary Dawson	2nd
August Lehto	4th
Dave Sandberg	6th
Don Scheller	14th
Bob Moore	15th
Curtis Meade	16th
Roy Farmer	17th
Lynn Humble	18th
Ron Whitworth	20th
Marlynn Pugsley	22nd
Bill Henderson	23rd
Chuck Scott	28th