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Model A Ford ad introducing the 1930 Stake Body Truck
This issue is featuring Model AA trucks.

The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, Portland, Oregon
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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 November 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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CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2017

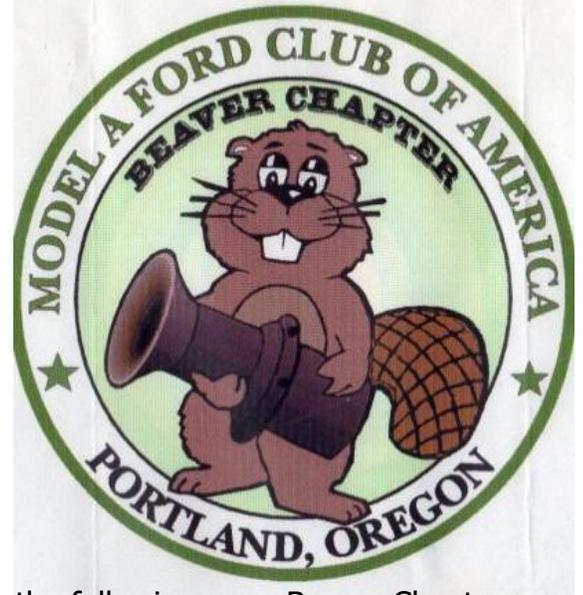
NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Pam McClafin; Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Dick Thornes; Historian: Patty Brost; Sunshine: Eileen Ross; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symank; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Bill Henderson.

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 for the meeting: If you would like to help bring refreshments please sign up at the January Membership Meeting or call Mary McConnell. Save your receipts for reimbursement from the Treasurer. Plan on serving 70 - 90 people; suggestions are cookies, fruit, vegies, or crackers & cheese, etc. **JANUARY REFRESHMENTS** - Leah & Lloyd Higgins





Presidents Column

I look forward to serving as your President in 2017, and again this year we have a very capable Board of Directors, which will be focused on the enjoyment of our Model A's.

Our Annual Banquet this year "**A Day at the Races**" will be held Saturday January 21st, at Portland Meadows Race Track. Amanda and Rina Uthe are overseeing the event with the help of Volunteers to make this a success. The event is a "Thank You" for those that performed Swap Meet Duty in 2016. Reservations must be sent to Eileen Ross by January 7th and the reservation form is in the December *Ahooga News*.

We had a great Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, and I would like to thank Lori Symank, and the Volunteers, on behalf of the Club, for another fun event. Lori hosted the event as an Elf, and if you missed it, you not only didn't get a gift, but also missed out on all the games, singing, merry making, and of course good food and desserts. Anne Humble did a beautiful medley of Christmas songs on the piano, which we all sang along to.

It is time to turn in the recorded miles you have driven your Model A's in 2016, to Patty Brost, and start recording for 2017. The winner of the 2016 (most recorded miles driven) will be recognized at the Annual Banquet, and awarded the John Rueter Mileage Trophy.

The "red ticket" tire drawing will be held during the January general meeting. Remember to bring your tire tickets. **DON'T FORGET** your tickets!!!! Every year I hear members moaning that they forgot to bring their tickets.

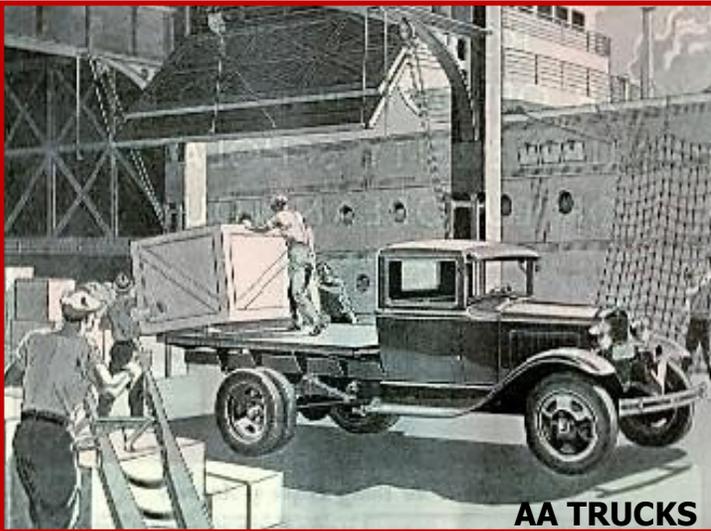
It is time to start thinking of and planning Tours for 2017. If you have a tour in mind, contact Andrew Jackman Vice President (Tours), and he will help you plan it and make it a success.

It is never too early in the year to start thinking about our Model A's, and planning what needs to be done to improve them. It is always important to consider the safety aspects of these antique (but capable) automobiles. Give some thought to brakes, steering, lights, tires, tune ups etc., as the next thing you know it will be spring, and we will be driving them again.

Happy New Year to all !!!!!!!

Richard Starkweather - President

My New Years Resolution is to simply remember to write 2017 instead of 2016 as the date.



AA TRUCKS

Ford introduced the AA in December 1927. The AA designation followed the TT of the Model T era. While the TT had a wheel base of 124" and was only a 1 ton, the AA was a 1 1/2 ton and had a wheel base of 131 1/2". In mid 1930 additional lengths of 112" and 157" became available. Total AA production was 482,850 or about 10% of total production. The AA was available with a chassis, open or closed cabs and 49 different configurations.

One of the most common trucks was the 1 1/2T with a platform bed and stake side racks. In 1990 Jeanie and I happened to purchase an AA

with this configuration (see snowy photo on page 12, we have since sold it). The truck was originally owned by Alton Gray with a rural route address of Weston, OR. I only mention this because for many years this was the Gray families only means of transportation. On Saturday they drove to town in their AA. I think this was common during the Model A era.

The AA is not to be confused with the Model A pickup that is often referred to by their owners as a truck. This just isn't the case, it is really just a pickup, a much lighter vehicle on a Model A chassis, while the AA is a much heavier vehicle. Originally the 1928 used a single A front axel and transmission. Soon it was discovered these two items were not strong enough for the AA and they were made much heavier. The truck shared the A engines, front fenders, hood and cab. (cont. page 7)

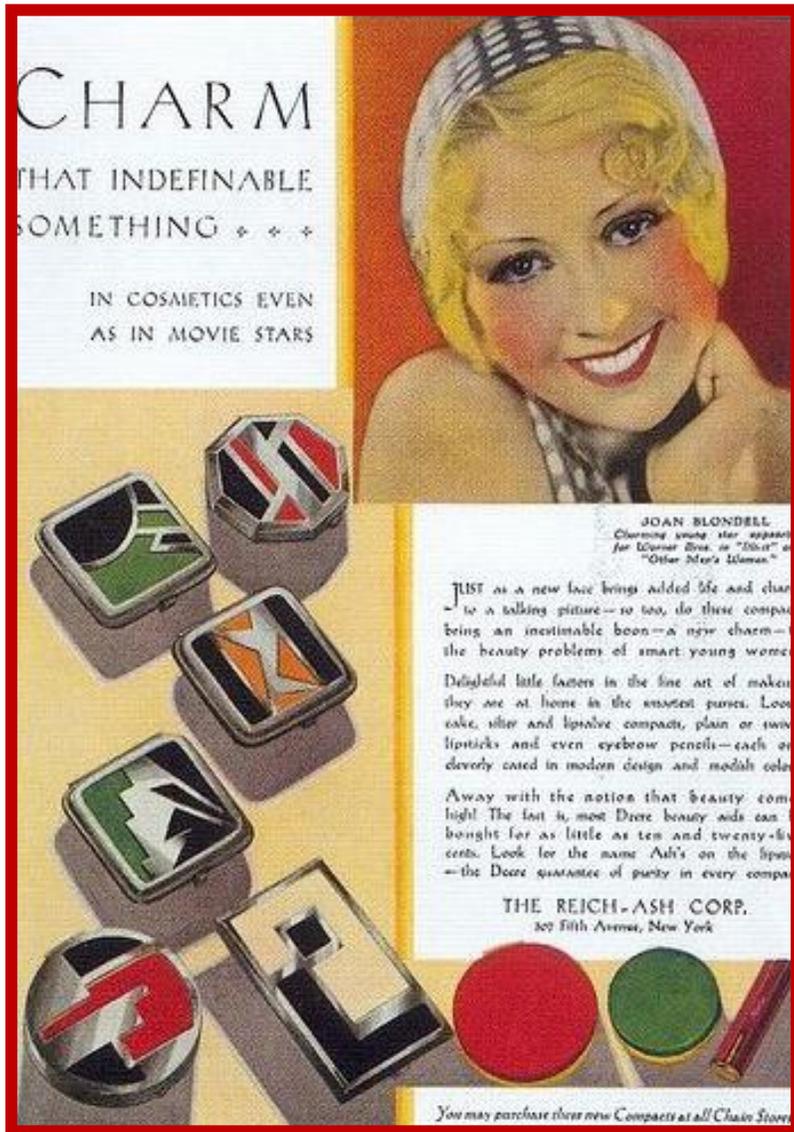


1930 FLATBED WITH STAKES



1930 HYDRALIC DUMP TRUCK





“Just as new love brings added life and charm to a talking picture, so too do these compacts bring an incredible boon to the beauty problems of smart young women, and are at home in the smartest purses.” These were available for as little as “ten and twenty-five cents”!

This is a 1931 advertisement featuring the movie star Joan Blondell from the Model A era. These modern compacts are collector items today.

~by Jeanie Adair

BEAVER BABES

The Beaver Babes events are an opportunity for the ladies of Beaver Chapter to get together, socialize and do fun, interesting things together. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to participate. It's a way of getting to know each other. We usually meet the second Saturday of the month and it will be listed in the newsletter.

We will meet January 14th to discuss what events we would like to do this year. We ask ladies to volunteer to coordinate one month. Do you have something interesting we could do? Please join us for lunch to plan the year: Meet at 11AM at Old Chicago Pizza at 11211 SE 82nd Ave which is North of Clackamas Town Center a few blocks. RSVP Marlyne Pugsley at 360.910.2392 or mrpgogirl@gmail.com

Purchase Justification for Model A's

It's an investment.

It's a bargain.

It's a kind of superannuation fund.

It is a piece of history.

If nobody else looks after them, and keeps them from going to the scrap heap, then they will disappear forever. I am a savior.

I am a custodian looking after history for the future benefit of all children.

It will become a family heirloom.

It is desirable.

It is a fine piece of automotive work.

It is a functional automobile, or will be, that we can use.

It will give me something to help expand my outlook on life.

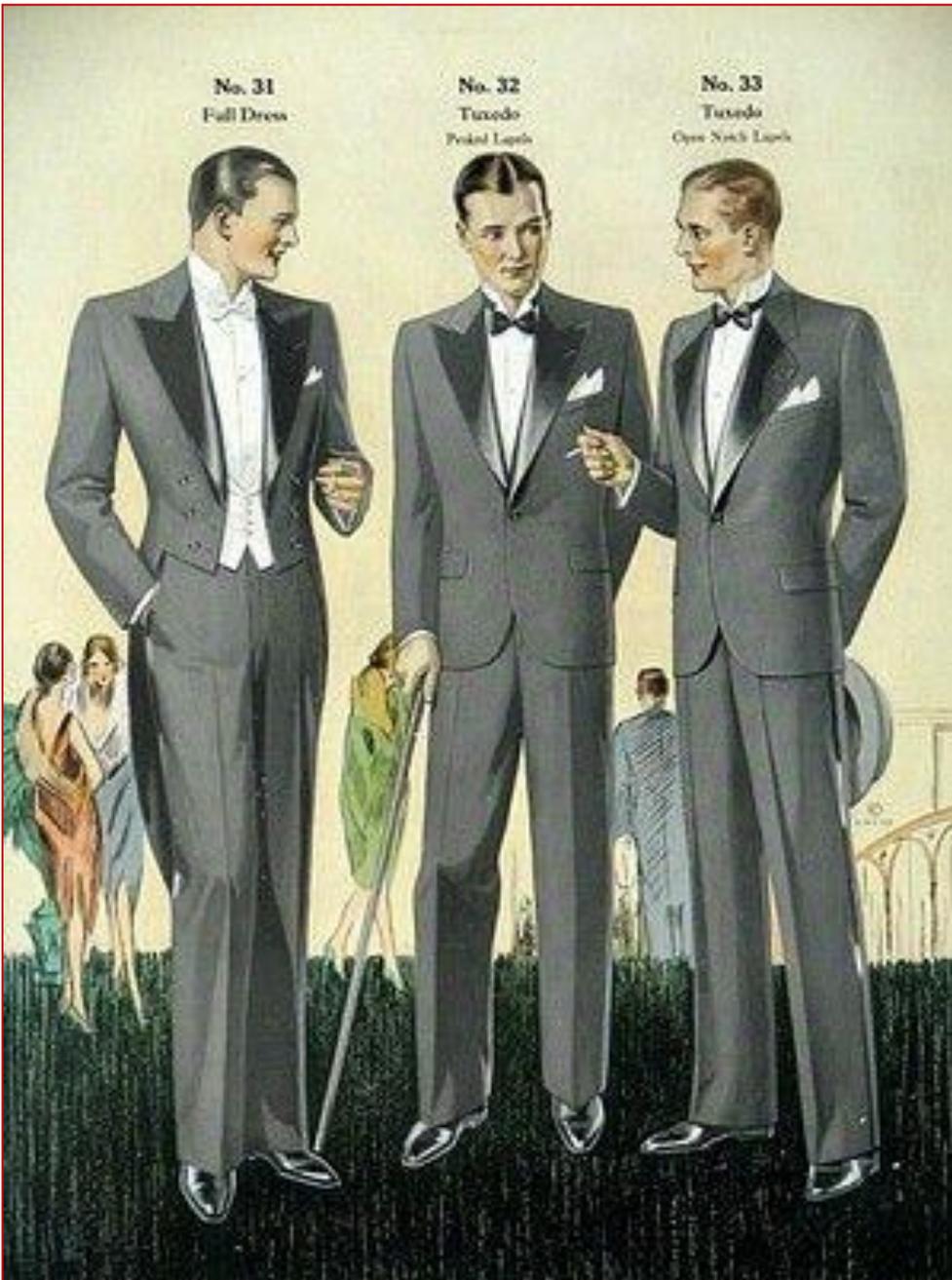
It is a challenge which a male needs.

I will become computer savvy sourcing information and parts.

I need to know I still have the ability to do these things.

It will keep me from the pub and clubs.





1928 MENS FORMAL WEAR

The man on the left is wearing a full dress tails tuxedo, it is also referred to as swallow tails. This attire was worn to a white tie event.

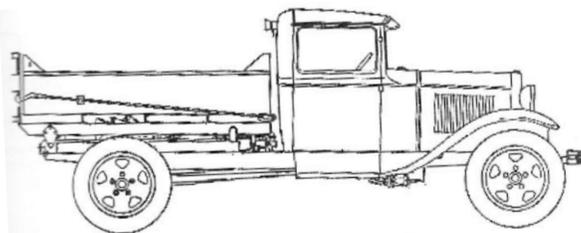
The other two tuxedos are single breasted and would be worn to a black tie event. Note that the lapels are different on these two, the tuxedo in the center has notched lapels. The lapels appear to be satin but another possibility was grosgrain lapels.

All three are wearing the standard dress wing collared shirt with bow ties. Instead of bow ties an ascot tie or cravat might be worn when a vest was worn.

When was the last time any of you guys wore a tuxedo? The annual banquet would be a perfect opportunity to do so. ~ by Jeanie Adair

AA Trucks continued: However the engines were stamped with a star followed by the AA designation in front of the serial number.

The one drawback of owning a Model AA truck is that they are slow. A stock AA had a top speed of about 35 to 40 mph and that is flat out. Trucks get about 10 miles per gallon of gas. While this is great for a parade, it isn't good for today's traffic conditions or club tours.



Heavy Duty Hydraulic Dump Body

(Information from *The Ford Model AA*)

~ David Adair

BEAVER TALES



Double clutching is a breeze
 She now shifts with ease
 With confidence superb
 Never hitting a curb
 No more backseat driving please!

Some of you will remember former Beaver Chapter club members Bill and Diane Cole. Bill passed away November 8th. Diane now lives in Wilsonville.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - Elves were every where... since "Elf on the Shelf" was the theme! The potluck was another success with delicious food, good fellowship and fun entertainment.



Lori Sybank had lots of help from elves of all ages - thank you each and every one from planning, setting up, preparing good food, to cleanup.



Pictured above are the Whitworth's grandsons; Rina Uthe (left) and on the right Bonnie Starkweather sported Christmas sweaters. Many others got in the holiday spirit with their festive apparel too. And we enjoyed singing our favorite Christmas songs as Anne Humble kept us on track playing the piano. Thank you all!

What a great array of photos for the Photo Contest - it was hard to vote for just one. The winner will be announced at the banquet in January.



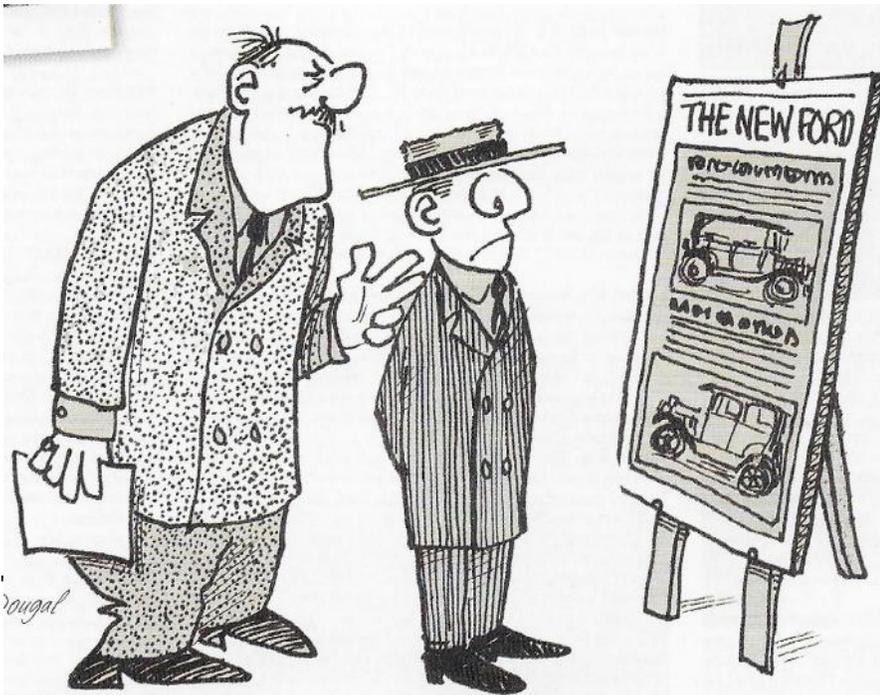
SAFETY TIP:

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your children, neighbors, parents, everyone you run across to put their keys beside their bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button on the key for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this – it's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it, it will go off from most everywhere inside your house. It will continue honking until you reset it with the button on your car key. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

Remember to keep your car keys in your hand while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. It would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack where you can't reach a phone; or an elderly person is working outside in the yard and falls. This will let others know there is a problem. Share this with everyone you know. (Borrowed from the V-8 newsletter)



"Mr. Ford has gone way out on a limb this year - there's a five thousand mile guarantee!"

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



"I'M LATE, I'M LATE FOR A VERY IMPOARTANT DATE..."

Yes, you are late if you haven't renew your Beaver Chapter membership. **A policy change - \$5.00 late fee will be charged after January 1st.**

Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,
If it wasn't for
Fords
My tools would
rust!



And they're off!

*You are cordially invited to
Beaver Chapter's Annual Banquet*

"A Day at the Races"

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Cocktails at 6PM

Dinner at 7PM

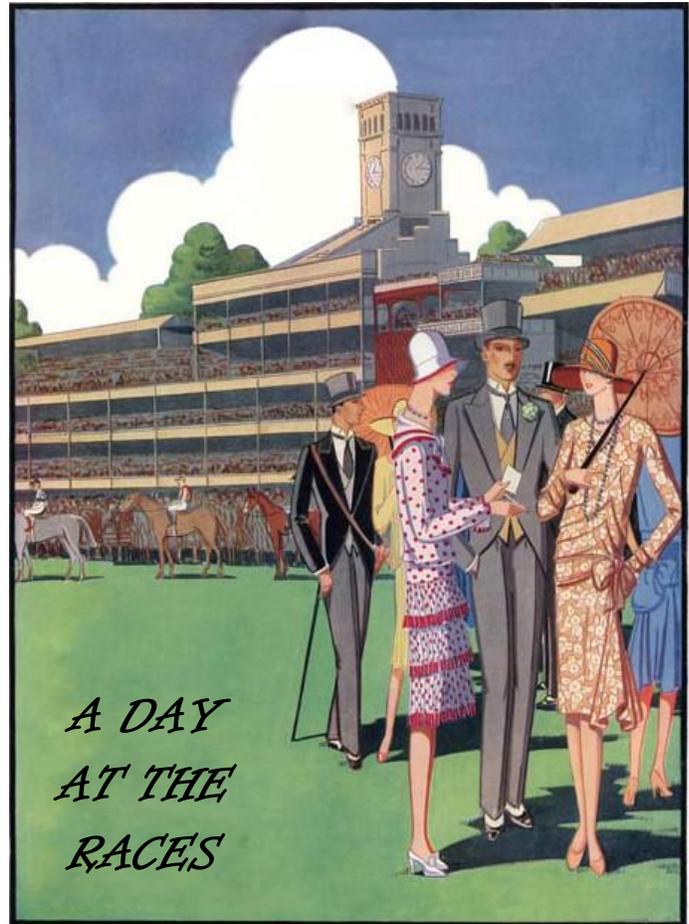
Portland Meadows Race Track

1001 N. Schmeier Rd.

Portland, Oregon

*A dinner buffet of main dish, sides, salad and
assorted desserts will be served. Make your
reservations before January 1st.*

Fill out the form below.



"A DAY AT THE RACES" BEAVER CHAPTER'S 2017 Banquet Reservation:

The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. The main entrée choices are fish (F), beef (B), chicken (C) or vegetarian (V). Please mark your choice. Make checks payable to "Beaver Chapter" and send to address below.

NAME	COST	ENTRÉE CHOICE (CIRCLE)	CLUB DUTY (CIRCLE)
_____	\$_____	F B C V	YES* NO
_____	\$_____	F B C V	YES* NO

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "BEAVER CHAPTER" AND SEND RESERVATIONS TO:
Eileen Ross at 5834 SE Tenino Portland, OR 97206.**

***Refunds for last years Swap Meet duty will be made the night of the banquet.**

A little poem,
 so true it hurts!
 Another year has passed
 And we're all a little older.
 The summer felt hotter
 And winter seems much colder.
 There was a time not long ago
 When life was quite a blast.
 Now I fully understand
 About "Living in the Past".
 We used to go to weddings,
 Football games and lunches...
 Now we go to funeral homes
 And after-funeral brunches.
 We used to have hangovers,
 From parties that were gay.
 Now we suffer body aches
 And whine the night away.
 We used to go out dining,
 And couldn't get our fill.
 Now we ask for doggie bags,
 Come home and take a pill.
 We used to often travel
 To places near and far.
 Now we get sore rears
 From riding in the car.
 We used to go to nightclubs
 And drink a little booze.
 Now we stay home at night
 And watch the evening news.
 That, my friend is how life is,
 And now my tale is told.
 So, enjoy each day and live it up
 Before you're too darn old!

FLAPPER Filosofy

By Faith Burruss



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With Xmas bills coming in, dad
 turns over his new leaf in the
 check book.



This illustration is from a Saturday
 Evening Post magazine cover.

Help wanted:

By the end of the year my
 files are getting low...
 Do you have a favorite photo;
 a bit of wisdom; a story about
 your car or restoring or main-
 taining it? I truly believe
 every Model A has a story to
 tell. Can you share a tiny tip
 about Model A's? Do you
 have questions about your
 Model A a club member could
 answer? Help - what can YOU
 contribute to the newsletter?
 ~Editor



BEAVER BABE'S TEA

December 2nd found 15 ladies enjoying
 tea in Newberg again this year. We en-
 joyed scones with cream and lemon curd,
 various tea sandwiches, fruit and des-
 serts, plus several pots of tea of course.

Pictured here are Lori Symank, hostess
 Jan, Chris Irwin, Yvonne Boring, Jeanie
 Adair and Linda Downs.

Thanks Lori for arranging for the tea, this
 was our third year at this location.

Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is
 a new day with no mistakes in it yet?
 Happy New Year!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

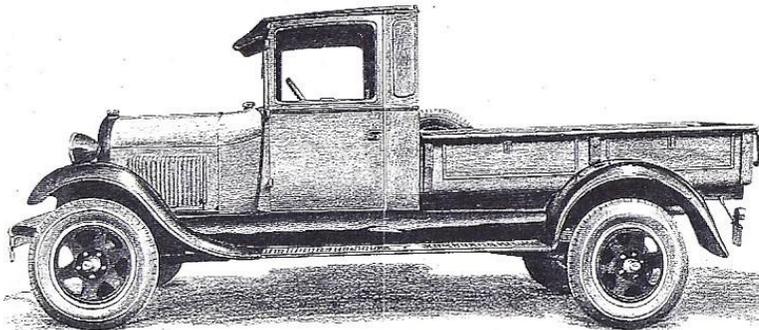
JANUARY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 5th, Beaver Chapter Board Meeting, 7PM at Bob's Red Mill Boardroom, 13521 SE Pheasant Ct. Milwaukie, OR. **Saturday, Jan. 14th, Beaver Babes Lunch, see page 6.**

Wednesday, January 18th, 7:30PM Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting at 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas, OR. **Red Tire Ticket Drawing** tonight! Bring all those Red Tire Tickets that you saved all last year. You might be a lucky winner. Sign up for your Portland Swap Meet duty at the meeting.

Saturday, January 21st is the **Annual Club Banquet** - "A Day at the Races". The location is Portland Meadows Race Track, 1001 N. Schmeer Rd. Portland, OR. Cocktails at 6PM and Dinner at 7PM.

Reservations need to be received by January 7th. See page 10 if you haven't sent them in yet. This is a fun time to wear your Model A era fashions if you have some.



FOR SALE:
1950's Frigidaire refrigerator by General Motors; runs, no dents, little rust, needs restoring. \$350
Eileen Ross
503.913.5036



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Strutt	1 st
Leroy Benham	2 nd
Robert Peters	2 nd
Elaine Thornes	7 th
Tony Sunken	10 th
Chrystal Ross	10 th
Nurry Scott	12 th
James Beckwick	23 rd
Roger Edwards	23 rd
David Ollison	24 th
Rey Reece	25 th
James Ross	28 th
Michael Blick	29 th



"SEE THE BAY IN YOUR MODEL A"

It's not too early to sign up for the Northwest Regional Meet. It's in Coos Bay in June. Check out the MAFCA calendar website for information and the registration form.



Kindness is like snow,
it beautifies
everything it covers.