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Pam McClafin's 1930 Model A Roadster "Buttercup"

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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 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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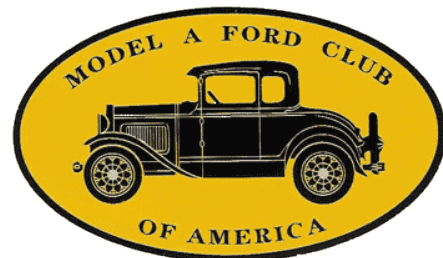
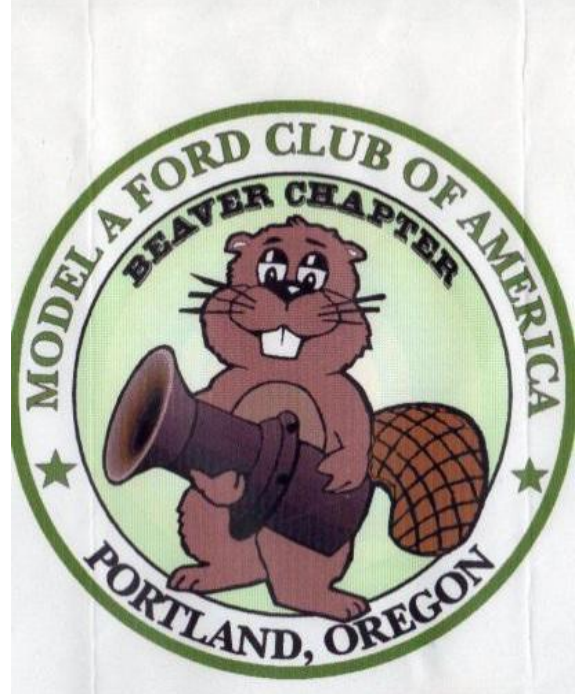
Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits.

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: May - Jim & Adeane Patrick; June - Ron & Barbara Whitworth





Presidents Column

Most Members have heard of the passing of John Poppino. John was a Board Member and Secretary for the Club. He has been described as quiet, thoughtful, polite, and feisty. We will miss John and his contributions.

I need to ask each Member to consider being on the Board and becoming Secretary. It is an important job, it doesn't take that much time, and having served in that capacity, I can say that it can be enjoyable.

We have an ongoing problem of people talking during the General Meeting and disturbing the presentations. If you go outside, and the door is open, please show the courtesy to go out in the parking lot to have your conversations.

The 2016 Swap Meet is complete and we would like to thank our Representatives Dick Thornes and Mike Worthington for taking the lead for our Club. I want to thank all our volunteers for successfully completing their slots.

Each club has 67 duty slots to fill, 6 car clubs, or a total of 402 slots. This year all slots were successfully completed by all clubs. In addition to this our club has 14 members that serve on the Swap Meet Committee. As members of the Swap Meet Committee they are required to fill committee duty slots. There are 70 committee duty slots in total.

I had a conversation with Tex Lindquist about the swap meet. Tex has served on the Swap Meet Committee since 1969. He joined the Beaver Chapter that year, and became Secretary. At the Board Meeting they informed Tex that each Board Member should be on the Swap Meet Committee. He joined the Swap Meet Committee in 1969 and has been a member since joining. He has enjoyed the time volunteering.

Many of the Swap Meet Committee members volunteer 50 hours or more, during the meet, spread over 6 days in some cases. This doesn't include the monthly meetings that are held to prepare for the meet.

The total volunteer effort is in excess of 2,000 hours. It is a huge undertaking, and every volunteer makes it happen.

If you have any ideas to improve the duty positions, please let our Representatives know. We are able to fund all of our Club activities with the income received from this event. So let's go fund events that we all enjoy. We are always open to suggestions. Richard Starkweather - President

HAVE YOU MISSED LEIF SPRING'S LIMERICKS?

I have a fix for that! This month I'm introducing "**BEAVER TALES**". Anyone with a gift of prose is welcome to submit a limerick. Just remember that the first, second and fifth lines rhyme as do the third and fourth.

BEAVER TALES

A fellow while wresting two tanks
From his pickup to driveway sank
Scratched, bruised, and broken pinkie
What in the world was he think-ie?
Repairs cost half his piggy bank!



Quick & Easy!

Isolating an electrical fault:

by Tom Endy

Most Model A owners today have installed a fuse mod on the top of their starter. This is certainly a prudent thing to do; a blown fuse is much better than having a fire in the car.

Once a blown fuse has occurred, the next step is to determine where the short circuit exists that caused it to blow. This can be accomplished rather quickly by a method of isolation. There are three areas on the car where a short circuit is most likely to occur.

1. **In the light bail located at the bottom of the steering column, which consists of all the switching circuitry for the car's lights. This is the most common fault area.**
2. **Inside the terminal box located on the firewall where a number of connections come together and can easily short out against the armored ignition cable.**
3. **Behind the dash panel where connections to the ammeter and dash light are located that can easily short out against the dash.**

The first effort to isolate the fault is to unhook the three wires attached to the terminal post on the cutout switch, which sits on top of the generator. If you have an alternator the three wires are attached to the output terminal post of the alternator. Disconnect the three wires and spread them out so they don't touch anything.

One of the three wires comes from the terminal box on the firewall and provides battery power. A second wire runs down to the light bail, and the third wire goes off to the ahooguh horn.

Install a new fuse. If it does not blow you have eliminated the terminal block on the firewall and the dash panel as the culprit. If there is a short in either of these two places it would have blown the new fuse. Next connect the wire from the terminal block to the wire that runs to the ahooguh horn. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the ahooguh horn. Next hook these two wires back onto the terminal post of either the cutout or the alternator. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the

cutout, generator, or alternator. This leaves only the light bail as the likely culprit.

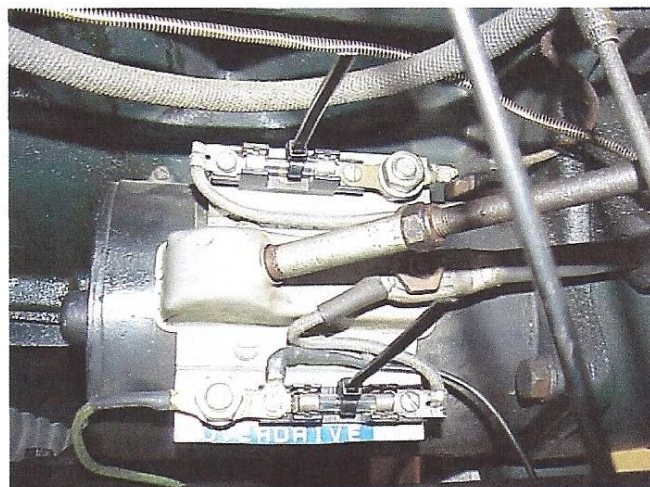
Inside the light bail is a rat's nest of wires and switch contacts that could be oil soaked from a leaking steering box. If the light bail assembly is a poor quality repo, chances are there are wire whiskers and poor connections involved. If you are out on the road it is best to fool with further trouble shooting of the light bail at home. You can drive the car with the light bail wire disconnected. Just keep in mind you won't have any lights, including brake lights.

If a new fuse blew when you installed it after disconnecting the three wires from the cutout, the fault is likely in the terminal block on the firewall or behind the dash panel, and not in the light bail, ahooguh horn, cutout, generator, or alternator.

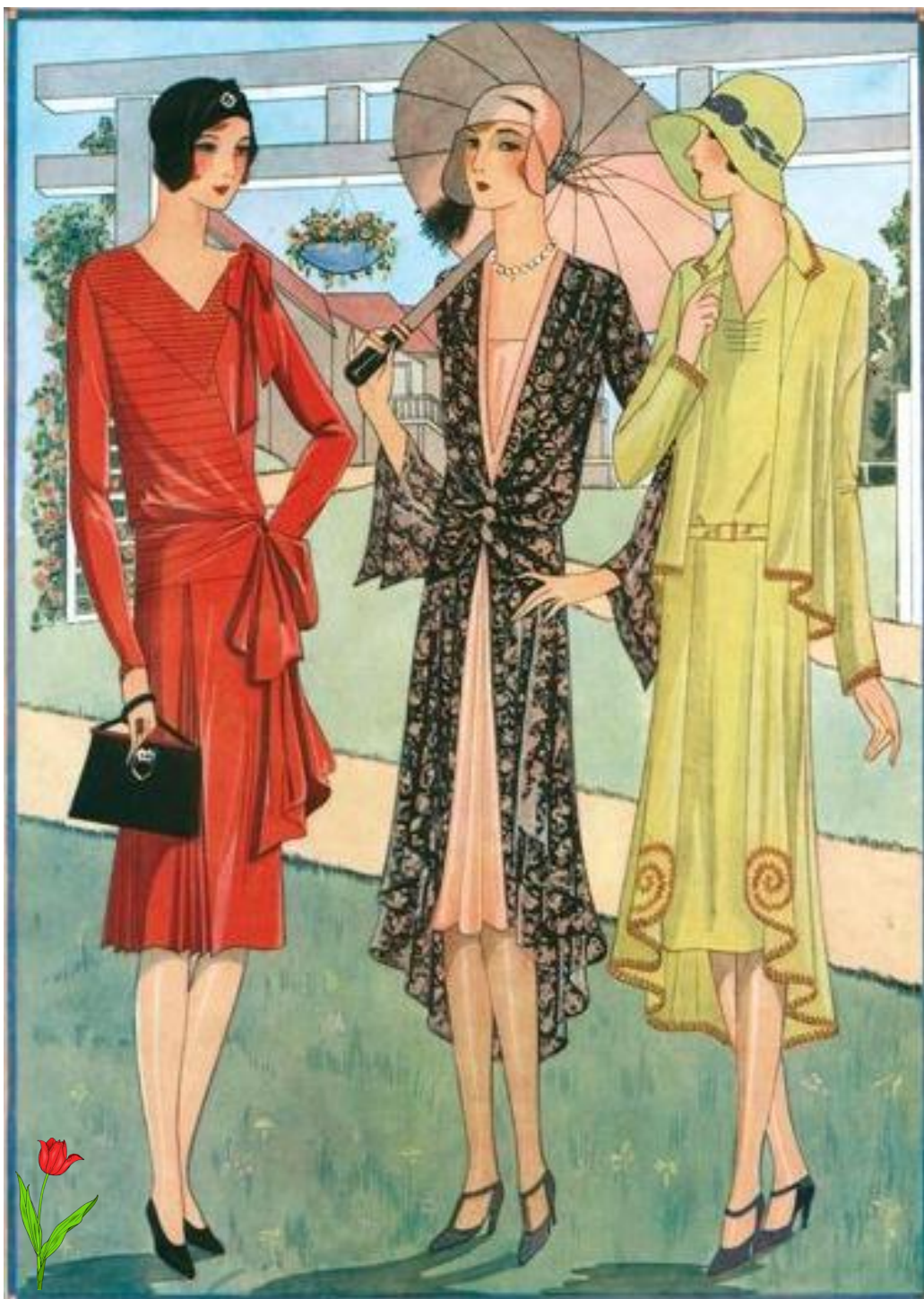
Start with the terminal box. Remove the cover and inspect for loose and shorting wires. A poor quality repo terminal box can also have one of the terminal threaded shafts shorted out behind the box. It is possible for the threaded shaft to back off and touch the firewall.

If the terminal box appears to be ok, remove the dash panel and inspect for loose and shorted wires on the back of the ammeter.

If you follow this procedure you will quickly locate the fault 95% of the time. However, a subtle electrical fault could possibly be lurking somewhere else that may not be as obvious. ☺



This particular Model A has a second fuse circuit to accommodate a Borg Warner overdrive. The tie wraps are to provide a means to easily remove the fuses when the car is not in Use.



A TRIO OF VINTAGE LADIES DRESSES

The first dress on the left features a V neckline that repeats with the same line on the bodice; a girdle wraps the hipline and ends with a bow at the side; another bow on one shoulder and pleats on the skirt complete the dress.

The center outfit is a peach dress with a sheer overcoat that is of a printed fabric. It buttons low in front and has flaring sleeves and an uneven hem line.

The golden outfit on the right is a dress and jacket of the same fabric. This would be a simple dress without the trim that is used on the collar, cuffs, jacket edge and the bottom of the skirt that ends with a flourish.

These are good examples of how nicely their accessories coordinate with the dresses. I got this scan off the internet, there was no reference where it came from and no date but my guess would be its an example of late 1929 or early 1930. I say that because the shorter length of the skirt and the hat styles. ~by Jeanie Adair

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayers," said his mother. "I don't need to", the boy replied "Of course you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house". "That's at our house", Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook".



Beaver Chapter Board Meeting April 7, 2016 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Richard Starkweather, Ray Horton, Jeanie Adair, Jim Van Lente, John Poppino, Mike Worthington. **Guests:** David Adair, Bonnie Starkweather

Minutes of March Board Meeting: Approved by voice vote.

Business: 2016 Swap Meet: (Mike Worthington) Very good meet. All duty slots were filled. Next committee meeting 4/21 should have final numbers. Presentation by Swap Meet Committee at March meeting took too much time and had too little new information.

Reports: Treasurer: (Amanda Uthe) All funds are accounted for.

Vice President: (Mike Worthington) All tours are filled and will be detailed in appropriate newsletters. Jim VanLente has some 7 watt two-way radios for trial on next tour. They are "spendy" but very effective. Patches for the Model A Day tour are being researched by Chris Irwin.

Beaver Babes: (Jeanie Adair) Event planned for 4/16.

Past President: (Ray Horton) Will have more detailed information for Past Presidents tour at Membership or Board meeting.

Old Business: Ann Mudder will present a Seminar on preparing for an estate sale at the May membership meeting.

Springtime safety check will be incorporated in June tour.

Potluck budget needs will be discussed by Jeanie and Lori.

New Business: Bylaw/ Policy review: A potential change in the determination of new Honorary Members will be brought to the Membership for discussion. It could result in an amendment to the bylaws. Article IV and VI will be amended to include email as a method to notify members of meetings.

MAFFI donation idea was presented but not approved. Decision was to support local (Brooks) museum.

Banquet will be co-chaired by Amanda and Rina Uthe for 2017

Insurance on tool trailer and contents is being researched by Richard. The title for the trailer is now in Club's name at Brost's address.

A proposal to scan back copies of the Restorer and make a CD for sale cooperatively with MAFCA was presented. After discussion it was decided that MAFCA wouldn't be interested. The idea was tabled.

Lynn Sondenaa will present a seminar on restoring his Victoria in the future. Adjourned at 8:30PM.

John Poppino, Secretary

BEAVER BABE'S On Saturday, May 7th, we will be taking a tour and learning the history of Edgefield McMenamins in Troutdale. It should be an interesting story and one many are not aware of. We will meet at McMenamins: 2126 SW Halsey St. Troutdale, Or 97060 by 11:45AM for the tour then have lunch afterwards. Please call Adeane Patrick by May 5th so she can make reservations for the correct number of ladies. There are paintings on the wall which we will learn about, there is a winery, a brewery and some relaxing gardens as well as some beautiful glass blowing at the facility. Adeane's Phone number: 503-804-6164



BEAVER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 20, 2016

President Richard called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and then asked Bill Henderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in *The Ahoooga News*.

Richard announced to the club the circumstances causing the death of John Poppino and stated that there would be a memorial service for John on April 30th, 2:00pm at the St. Paul Methodist church in Milwaukie.

Treasury: Amanda reported on club finances.

Name tag drawing. No one won.

Jim VanLente reported the tour on Saturday was a two part tour, first we look at a wooden boat shop, then we go and view an automobile collection. Lynn McDonald gave out information on the Clark True Value Lumber car show in Tualatin on May 14th, 10:00am-4:00pm. Jeanie Adair gave details about the March Tour. An opportunity to take a picture of your car in front of a historic dwelling in Oregon City. Ray Horton gave a few details about the Past Presidents tour in September. This will be on Wednesday and Thursday the 14th and 15th. More details in July and August. Tom Irwin gave a few details about the June Tour - manifold cooking, drive a Model T and a brake check. Also there is a Four-Banger tour on June 10, 11, & 12 in Idaho.

Sergeant-at-arms, no report, Membership, no report.

Ahoooga News editor: Jeanie, reminded us that the May issue deadline is next Sunday.

Swap Meet: Dick Thorns reported there will be a swap meet board meeting on Thursday and at that meeting he would receive details about this year's meet.

Beaver Babes, Marlynne Pugsley gave a few details about the April get together. Next Adeane Patrick, reported the Babes would meet at Edgefield Manor in Troutdale on May 7th (details in this news letter).

Sunshine: Eileen Ross stated that Mike McLaughlin had shingles, Jim Patrick had been ill and that Morgan Ross was doing very well on his recovery and he was also at the meeting.

Una McLaughlin gave us a sad report. She and Mike have sold their house, they will be moving to Steilacoom, Washington in May. This is their last meeting. They plan to join the Gallopin' Gertie club in Tacoma.

Historian, Patty Brost reported that a Salem business, Caffeine and Gasoline would have a bulletin board and could feature club events.

Tips and Leads, Lloyd Dilbeck received a stack of old *Restorers* and these would be available at break.

There was no Old Business. New Business. Ray Horton stated the board needed direction about recognition of Honorary Members. After much discussion Tex Lindquist "I move that we recognize all members after 20 years". 2nd by Barbara Henderson. This motion passed unanimously.

Richard Starkweather stated there were some language in the by-laws that needed to be updated to also include email as a form of notification.

Ann and Ervin Mudder presented a seminar, How to Plan For An Estate Sale. Refreshments were by Sharon and Karl Murphy. After break Richard announced the board was looking for a secretary to replace John Poppino. Lori Symank conducted the raffle. Pam McClafin made a motion to adjourn.

Respectively submitted, David Adair acting secretary.

One more
**BEAVER
TALE**
from the
tour...

His new A had trouble
But he carries a double
A cheap Chinese coil
Made only of foil
That's what burst Mike's bubble.





John Poppino passes away April 14th due to injuries from a fall. He was born in 1931 and he and his wife Mary were married 62 years. John had been a member of Beaver Chapter since 1999, had a 1930 Tudor that his son was helping restore. This photo was taken last fall, it was the first time John got to drive his Model A in 40 years. John was serving as Secretary for the club. After his retirement from the US Forest Service his involvement continued in many forestry organizations. We extend condolences to his family. We will miss this quiet gentle spirited man.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a memorial fund at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Milwaukie OR; or Clackamas Extension Innovation Endowment, OSU Foundation, 850 SW 35th St. Corvallis, 97333. His service was held April 30th.

APRIL TOUR

Jim VanLente led 16 Model A's and 9 modern irons on a tour to view wooden boat restoration by Mike Meyers and another stop to see Ken Roberts' pristine garage full of signs and various cars. This was a repeat tour but well attended with 38 people. After crossing the Canby ferry we lunched at the Back Stop. Thanks Jim!



I think the guys left some drool on all the nice cars and "toys" that had been collected.





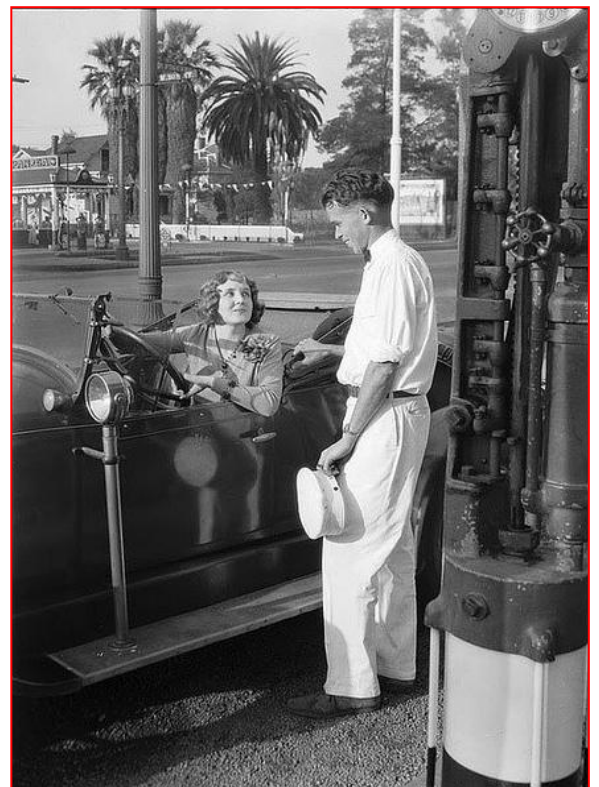
SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT

What is it about the term "Service Station" that we don't relate to anymore?

You got it – service! I'm sure many of us can remember how we did get service when we stopped for gas. Not only did they fill up the tank but they washed the windows and would even check the oil and air up your tires, or they might sweep the floor mat with a whisk broom.

The attendants pictured in these photos look mighty sharp dressed in their white uniforms that include a tie and hat. I wonder how they kept their uniforms so white?

More thought along these same lines on the next page...



This made me think of the term "grease monkey"... In looking it up on the internet, it stated that in the early phases of the Industrial Revolution that child labor was common. Children, usually males, would climb along beams, catwalks and difficult portions of machinery to perform minor repairs and to grease the gears. Their scampering resembled the behavior of monkeys climbing about. When anyone was wearing grease streaked and grease soaked clothing it was presumed that they worked as a grease monkey. When automobiles made their appearance on the scene, the term was already well entrenched in society. Those men who did the mechanical repairs, greased the automobiles, and wore the evidence of their labors on their clothing were called grease monkeys. I can only hope they weren't wearing white uniforms!!

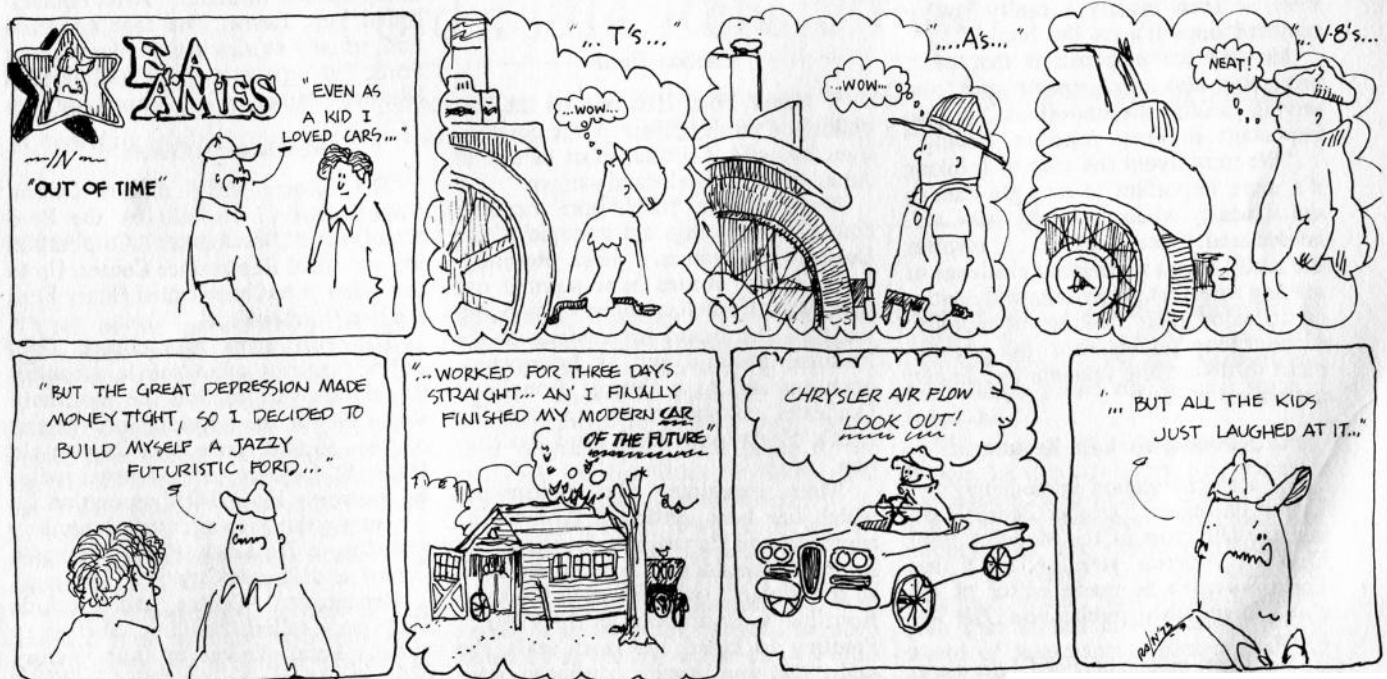
How to never work another day in your life:

Fall in love with what you do. Believe in what you're doing.
Strive to continuously improve.

2016 Swap Meet

Dick and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's swap meet. Fifty two years ago six local car clubs came together to hold a swap meet. Over the years the swap grew in size, changed venues, and for several years was held in conjunction with a car show. Today The Portland Swap Meet is a major undertaking with three thousand vendor stalls and an attendance of thirty five thousand. This event is only possible because of the volunteer efforts of the participating club membership. There are about 500 volunteer duty assignments required to support this effort with each club filling nominally sixty six slots. The Beaver Chapter's share of the proceeds funds our meetings, newsletter, tours and social events. Again, we would like to thank those who contributed to this year's successful event. If you missed out this year, mark your calendars for the first weekend in April and we will save you a slot. ~Mike Worthington

Everything old is new again: For you "old timers" - do you know who the artist of this cartoon is?



Ford Life for November-December 1973

Find answer on page 12...



FOR SALE:

1933 Ford Model B 1 1/2 ton, great body, flathead V-8. \$12,000 Jim Patrick 503.781.9534

1929 Model A Ford Closed Cab Pickup. Bill Henderson 503.65731890

Inverter 6 volts to 12 volts. Convert 6V + ground to 12 volt - ground heavy duty USA made. I will guarantee it. \$50 Lynn Sondenaa 971.275.7475

Beautiful 3 door hood for '30-'31, best offer over \$1,200 Greg Edwards 503.357.3980

Engine, counter balanced crank, touring cam, etc. About 5000 miles on engine \$1,500. '29 Steering column with horn rod and new overhaul parts, \$75.

Mike McLaughlin 503.504.0411

1930 Ford Model A Pickup. 12 volt electrical system. Owner installed hot water heater on firewall. This is a driver with good paint and tires and well maintained. \$15,000.00 Call: Ann Shepherd at 541-267-0522 for more information.

1929 Ford Model A Fordor Sedan. Survivor; a rare example of an unrestored well maintained and as original as possible Model A Ford. The interior is in great condition; Has had early '70's points and condenser installed. Call Paul for additional information. \$13,000 Lakeside, OR 541-297-8800

WANTED:

Garage or other space needed for storage of my Model A. I don't need a work space, just storage. Car is assembled and running. Space should be dry, secure, and accessible. Prefer within 10 miles of SE 50th and Powell, Portland. I'll have to sell this car if I can't find space by June. Please help if you can. Also still looking for a good useable rear main cap for Model A engine. Ray Horton 503-333-5766 or 23skidoo@iinet.com

'28-'29 Cast iron front fender bracket. Lynn Sondenaa 971.275.7475

Clark Lumber & True Value 8th Annual Car Show - May 14th 10AM-4PM 8460 SW Nyberg Rd. Tualatin. Enter your Model A or just come to see the car show. No registration fee. Donations accepted for Little Hands Big Hearts. Call Lynn McDonald for more information.

BAVER TALES

He wasn't in the sack
Jim was on the doctor's rack
Now don't you despair
T'was basic hernia repair
He's ready for a comeback





How many red tulips can you find in this newsletter?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday May 5th, Beaver Chapter Board Meeting 7PM at Bob's Red Mill Boardroom, 13521 SE Pheasant Ct. Milwaukie OR. All members welcome.

Saturday May 7th, Beaver Babes event, see page 6

Wednesday May 18th, Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting 7:30PM at 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas, OR
Guys seminar will be about brakes by Tom Irwin.

May Tour: Historic Homes in Oregon City - This is a "Do It Yourself Photo Op" of your Model A in front of historic homes in Oregon City. Bring your camera. Meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center Saturday, May 21st at 10AM for 10:30AM departure.



Babcock House

If weather permits, bring a picnic lunch and a blanket, if rainy we'll go to a restaurant for lunch. Tour leaders are David and Jeanie Adair. Please sign up or call so we have a head count for inclement weather options.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Donna Ollison	1 st
Julie Peters	3 rd
Bruce Barnett	4 th
Tom Irwin	6 th
Ted Downs	7 th
Una McLaughlin	11 th
Alicia Erickson	15 th
Cathy Blunt	16 th
Brenda Caseday	16 th
Dave Miller	17 th
Jay Dunwoodie	18 th
Leonard Dutton	20 th
Richard Starkweather	21 st
Art Pugsley	22 nd
Susan Hull	22 nd
Chris Johnson	23 rd
Ruby Knudsen	25 th
John Solomonson	26 th
Ingeburg Dexter	27 th
Don Knudsen	28 th
Chris Irwin	29 th



ANSWER: Ames was my creation. I first submitted it to Ford Life magazine in about 1974. I think I produced about eight strips before I was fired. Then there wasn't any more market, and I stopped the strip. The E. A. Ames character was based loosely on a fellow in the old Gasoline Alley cartoon, and the name, of course, comes from the two manufacturers of horns for the Model A. I still have some of the original art somewhere, but if you find someone with the issues of Ford Life from the early years you could copy them from those. ~Ray Horton