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Rogue Valley A's A Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER, By Joe Davis

We had a pretty good turnout for the last meeting. It was held outside on the back patio and there was some lively discussion. No tour was scheduled for after the meeting.

If anyone knows of a nice place to have a picnic, with shade and lots of tables, please let me know. I would like to have a short tour and picnic after the next meeting.

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Feel free to call me anytime if you have any ideas on a picnic location.



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COULD THIS BE US?

sent in by member Rick Black

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about their ailments.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee" said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you!"

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fourth, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your Blessings," said a woman cheerfully, "Thank God we can all still drive."

Reminder: the Model A Ford Club of America has a website (our Rogue Valley A's webmaster, Rick Black, also is the webmaster for MAFCA's site).

Check it out : <http://www.mafca.com/index.html>

ROGUE VALLEY-A'S MINUTES FOR: July 18, 2020

President Joe Davis pounded his gavel to call the meeting to order at 10:00 am. at the Royal Mobile Estates Clubhouse with 19 members present and no guests. The Secretary records members present on the sign-in membership clipboard. Members can find a current roster on our website. Check to make sure your information is correct. The President led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to approve last meeting's minutes was made by Eileen Mace, seconded by Kitsy Wikkerink. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was given by Kitsy Wikkerink. Motion to approve was made by Jerry Mathern, seconded by Jim Pringle. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Birthdays and anniversaries were announced by the President.

Birthdays: Dani LeVine Anniversaries: Evan and Mary Mason

Pasadena High School Model A Project: A motion was made by Jerry Mathern to buy a ticket for \$100.00 to help the kids learning to build a Model A Ford. The motion was 2nd by Eileen Mace. The Motion passed. The Club has a chance to win a car.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Email blasts went out to our members when we received announcements/tour events from Southern Oregon Car Club Council.

SUNSHINE: Dani LeVine will be having surgery. Reid Williams will send a card.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Joe Davis, Jerry Mathern, and Jim Pringle volunteered to call a few of our members just to say, "We miss you" and that we are trying to meet at the clubhouse out on the patio.

TOURS: On hold at this time.

50/50: Won by Hugh Crawford and the Joker remained hidden. Hugh gave his winnings back to the club. Thank you, Hugh!

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. Motion by Jim Pringle, 2nd by Eileen Mace. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nell Mathern ~ Secretary 2020



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Weekly Car Story

My car friend Phil Kneeland came up with the idea to send out car stories to some of us who have lost our car events due to the social distancing requirements. Phil and I both are published authors and enjoy writing about cars. Phil has a Model A Ford and I more early cars and hot rods. We are working together on this project in hopes of brightening your day with upbeat car stories. We encourage you to send in your stories to be sent out under your name to broaden the scope. Send to vicgroah@gmail.com or to lindannphil@sbcglobal.net

The Oregon Bobsled Team

By Martin Harding

The Oregon Bobsled Team was formed by happy accident in 2003. The Jamaicans did it, against great odds so why not Oregon?

A group of members of the Enduring A's Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America were driving to the Northwest Regional Meet in Calgary Canada in 2003. The first day out, one Model A that was pulling a motorcycle luggage trailer had a spectacular light show when his starter malfunctioned after dinner. It was late in the evening & nobody wanted to work on the car so we just push started it & returned to the motel. We were all up early the next morning and again push started the car and again at lunch, and again and again. Our focus was on getting to Calgary and we'd fix the car there.

We all stopped to top off our gas tanks before heading through Glacier National Park. All the cars but one had fueled and the last one to the pumps was the car needing a starter. While fueling, a man and his young daughter walked up and innocently asked if we were heading to a car show. Our group was all standing around close by, waiting for the car being fueled and knowing we had to push it.

Maybe it was the heat of the day but something kind of clicked when I heard the question. I thought to myself "what would Ron Harper say?". Ron was not with our group but was our chapter's undisputed king of the big story. Thus, the Oregon Bobsled Team was born.

I started off by telling the man we were heading to a Model A Ford meet in Calgary. But then I added that actually we were going to Calgary for two reasons. There was also a bobsled qualifying meet for the next Olympics and we were going to try out while we were there. "We are the Oregon Bobsled Team and we compete in the Senior Division". The car was still fueling and the man quickly walked away but returned with still another daughter. We now had three gullible minds to confuse.

The trailer behind this Model A was a long rectangular shape and beautifully painted to match the towing Model A and it looked very professional. Naturally it held our sleds. That was plausible. Each of our group was then introduced and their job on the team was explained. There were drivers, pushers, logistics, sled maintenance & preparation, etc. Cal Wilken, the oldest person on this trip, was just standing by the trailer watching and listening to all this happen & I introduced him as our coach. “He was a great bobsledder when younger and is famous back in Oregon”. Cal never changed facial expression but did make a humble nod of confirmation. Humility in blue bib overalls.

Finally, it was time to go. The tank was full and the bill was paid. “Ready?” With that one word, everyone immediately moved to the car and began pushing. As we pushed the car by the man & his daughters he was told “we do this to keep in shape while we are on the road”. The car started & we all ran to our cars, jumped in like they were sleds heading down the hill and away we drove.

Ron Harper was proud of us when he heard the story.

Martin Harding
Enduring A’s Chapter, MAFCA
Albany, Oregon

Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAC) Car Raffle 2020

By Wilbert Smith PhD, Technical Advisor

Stating the obvious, this past academic school year has been a challenge. Without our traditional annual car raffle (COVID-19), our treasury needs major help. With students returning this fall, along with ninth graders entering for the first time, the Pasadena High School Model A Club (PHSMAC) is ready to meet its goal. Students are motivated to return with what we hope to be the backing of our many friends and supporters who participate in our raffle.



For those who may not recall, the winners of our June 2019 drawing are pictured above. They are Steven & Hayley Timmins of Costa Mesa, California, who won the 1929 Model A Ford Roadster, restored by the PHSMAC. The Timmins family, new to the Model A hobby, stand by their newly owned car while wearing the Club's signature t-shirt. They are members of MAFCA's Orange County Chapter. Our second prize winners were John & Happy Begg of Irmo, South Carolina.

PHSMAC, founded in 2016, has a membership that has grown with confidence possessing accomplishments that are quite impressive. Members beginning as young as fourteen-years-old, then ninth graders, are now seniors who leave our club as adults. Together we rejoice as fellow admirers of our great hobby that is now a part of them. They vow to one day own their own Model A.

Our students received no academic credit, attending club meetings during their own after school hours. Even while competing with other interest such as school athletics, drill team and band practice, and other extra-curricular

activities, the Model A Club continues to be one of the most popular on campus. And interestingly, the majority of our members have been females that typically outperform their male counterparts. They possess working knowledge of the Model A engine, transmission, upholstery, prep and paint, etc. And markedly, each of our past four presidents and vice presidents have been female.

Below students are shown performing final preparation on a newly primed (by students), 1929 Model A Murray body, Fordor Sedan.



Final sanding and detailing.



Students learn the use of power tools.

We continue to need your support

We receive no funding from the local school district, nor assistance from MAFCA. We rely solely on our annual raffle. For each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) contributed, the donor receives one raffle entry. Odds of winning are fabulous, given we limit the number of entries sold. Additional cash prizes will also be awarded. We encourage those who can purchase multiple tickets to do so, and for that we express our sincere gratitude.



Priming before applying final paint color.

Please address your tax-deductible donation to: PHSMAC, 1968 Lake Ave, Suite 101, Altadena Ca. 91001. Kindly include a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your phone number and email address. Your entry will be return mailed to you. Clear printing is appreciated. We also accept credit and debit cards by calling 626-375-1367. Winners need not be present. We also welcome any tax-deductible Model A vehicle donation in reasonable restorable condition. Contact us at phsmac@aol.com to request an email version of this document.



Engine Rebuild



Application of color to vehicle soon to be owned by a lucky family.



Transmission Rebuild



Class Discussion

June 20, 2020

Donut List for 2020

January: Jerry and Nell Mathern

February: Lee and Gloria Jackson

March: no meeting

April: no meeting

May: no meeting

June: Pete Pringle and Sandra Dee

July: Joe Davis

August: Lee Jackson

September: Eileen Mace

October: Mitch Mace-Hall

November: Jim and Kathy Martin

December: no donuts. Our Annual Christmas Potluck, Election & Installation of Officers for 2021.



Two dozen (24) donuts are provided by Members at our monthly meeting.

Each issue of Manifold News will have the list of who will provide the donuts each month. If you can't provide donuts during your month, please arrange to have someone on the list fill in for you and you can help them out at another time. Thank you.

August Birthdays

- 12 Altha Lindsay
- 24 Gloria Wigginton
- 25 Mike Stitt
- 29 Dennis Paddock



August Anniversaries

- 5 Victor and Gloria Wigginton
- 22 Dennis and Linda Paddock
- Phil and Lois Kessler



Important things to remember:

You can find your **MAFCA membership number** on the Restorer wrapper and write it on the back of your MAFCA membership card that's included in each January/February issue. You can then keep the membership card in your wallet and always have your membership number handy.

Don't forget: when you drive your Model A to the meeting, you get an extra 50/25/25



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Mark Your Calendar



General meetings are at 10 a.m. at RME Clubhouse

TOURS AND EVENTS:

August 15 Meeting day at RME Clubhouse

September 19 Meeting day at RME Clubhouse

October 17 Meeting day at RME Clubhouse

November 21 Meeting day at RME Clubhouse

December 19 Christmas Potluck, Election and
Installation of Officers

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For Sale/Wanted/Services

FOR SALE: Four (4) Firestone 4.50/4.75 - 21" Whitewall tires.

Excellent shape, no cracks, 90% tread. Came off my 1929 Model A. \$125.00 each or all 4 for \$450.00. Shipping extra.

Call Mike, [541-944-6491](tel:541-944-6491)

FOR SALE: Chopped Model A flywheels, balanced, new ring gears, set up for V-8 clutch \$325. Many other Model A parts, new and used, call for availability. New King Pin sets. I will loan you the reamer. Joe Davis 650-279-6609

I can get Brand New Blackwell 19" or 21" tires from Coker. They are about \$89.00 each. These say "UNIVERSAL" on the side, but are made from the Firestone molds, so Coker can sell them for much less.

If you want 'Firestone' on them, they are \$140. Coker has a new supplier of tubes and they are \$13.

If interested, contact me. I have to set up the order. Then, you call in and give them your credit card number and they are shipped to my shop in Medford.

Joe Davis 650-279-6609



I have a 1930 Murray Model A 4-Door Deluxe Town Sedan, original. I have owned this car since 1964, and drove it off and on until 1978. I have always stored this car in a garage, no rust and the wood is good. A great car to restore. I'm wanting to sell the car. George 503-477-2917

Zenith Carburetors \$195 Exchange, Rebuilt
Leakless Water Pumps \$110 Exchange, Rebuilt Distributors \$175 Exchange, includes distributor cap and rotor.
Contact: Jerry Mathern 541-941-1424

1931 Convertible Sedan "A400". Older restoration which was easy as there was NEVER any rust and Never any body damage. Wanting to sell because of age and health. I purchased from second owner in 1954. Contact Bob @ 559.805.4374 Text Okay. \$40,000. Visalia, California



Good used front splash apron, powder coated, not perfect, but very usable-**free**
Contact Joe Davis 650-279-6609



For Sale/Wanted/Services

Model A Ford engine test stand on wheels \$ 35.00

Engine rebuild stand on wheels \$35.00

1928 Model A Ford AR radiator—in great shape.

It's been checked out by Auction Radiator; tested good.

\$250.00 Will send pictures if you are interested.

Call Reid 541-899-7176



Please send a picture and description of your vehicle for sale to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the next issue of Manifold News. When you sell your vehicle, please let the editor know when you want your posting removed.

Courtesy of The Quail Tale

Jim's

Technical Tip

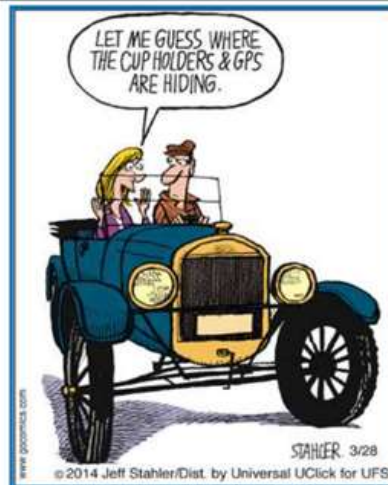


Front Wheel Bearing Installation and Adjustment

By Jim Cannon

1. See that front hub, inner and outer bearings are packed with grease.
2. Front hub washer should slide over threads on spindle body with fingers (loose fit).
3. Install nut and tighten it while slowly turning the brake drum so that all component parts are pulled together snugly; that is, inner and outer bearings will be snug in cones, washer is tight against outer roller bearing, and nut tight against washer. (There will be a slight drag when drum is turned.) Not over 8-10 ft-lbs of torque is required to get these results.
4. Turn nut **BACK** two castle slots (this is approximately ¼ turn of nut); insert cotter pin and try bearings for a slight side play and a free spinning drum or wheel.

Don't forget the cotter pin! The nut will back out and the wheel will come off. That will totally spoil your Model A Day!



NOTE: Help us make the Rogue Valley A's newsletter a **collaborative** success. We would be grateful for any material you feel might be appropriate to include in our Club's newsletter. The views expressed in this newsletter are personal opinions of those who contribute and do not necessarily represent the views of the Rogue Valley A's Model A Ford Club. Thanks go to other club newsletters and the MAFCA website as well as other sources who supply material to our club which we reprint in our newsletter from time to time. When known, sources will be included.



**ROGUE VALLEY A'S 2020 MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM***(Please be sure to update any changes to your information)*

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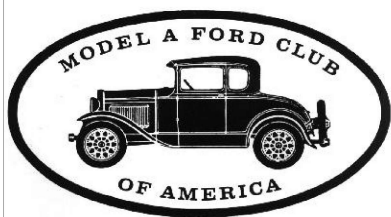
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We encourage all of our members to join MAFCA

Monthly meetings are held at the Club House of the Royal Mobile Estates

1055 N. 5th Street, Jacksonville, Oregon

on the third Saturday of every month

9:30 a.m. for coffee & donuts/snacks

Business meeting is held at 10:00 a.m. sharp

**unless a club-sanctioned event
is scheduled elsewhere**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

25TH of the current month to be published in the next issue.

Send to: Gloria Jackson

gleejackson@hotmail.com

We are happy to share our information with other clubs; please give credit. We will honor another club's information with credit.

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On the first Saturday of the month, we meet at the **Dairy Queen** on West Main Street in Medford at 4 p.m. for a time of fellowship.



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