

# Columbia Crier

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## Meeting Location:

Reata Springs Baptist Church  
2830 Leopold Lane, Richland, WA  
April 13th, 7:00 p.m.



Larry and Sue Campbell are in Columbia Park near Bateman Island with their 1930 Model A Ford Fordor Town Sedan. The Columbia River and Rattlesnake Mountain are in the background.



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## Meeting Schedule

January:	Larry & Sue Campbell
February:	Garry & Joanne Bryan
March:	Dave & Debbi Hannah
<b>April:</b>	<b>Rick &amp; Janet Budzeck</b>
May:	Tom & Robin Eldhardt
June:	Dean & Teri Hinkson
July:	Club Members - Potluck
August:	Need Volunteers
September:	Calvin & Vernita Coffey
October:	Jan & Mara Jackson
November:	Bev & Blaine McGillicuddy
December:	Christmas Brunch

## Club Events

Wanapum Heritage Center	April 15
Benton City Spring Opener	April 29
Benton City Car Show	May 27
Bickleton Rodeo	June 10
NW Regional Meet	June 20-27
Celebration Picnic	July 4
Crow Butte & Wine Tasting	August 5
Ag Museum Pioneer Event	August 19
Million Mile Baker City Tour	August 29-30

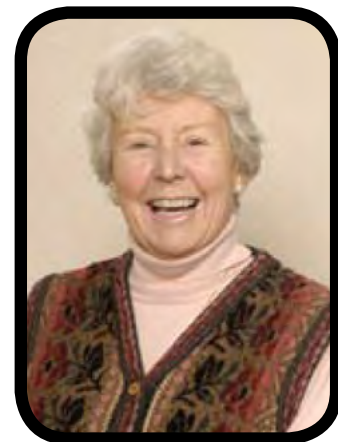
## Birthdays

<i>Becky Vandevord</i>	<b>3rd</b>
<i>Joanne Bryan</i>	<b>4th</b>
<i>Dave Hannah</i>	<b>12th</b>

## Anniversaries

<i>Pete &amp; Grace Jackson</i>	<b>5th</b>
<i>Rick &amp; Janet Budzeck</i>	<b>6th</b>
<i>Tom &amp; Robin Eldhardt</i>	<b>16th</b>

## Bev's Blarney



Our Progressive Dinner was really a fun event. We again thank all those club members that helped make this day such a success. A big thank you to our chair ladies, Joanne and Mary, for organizing dinner and the day and to Sharon and Marshall, Tom and Robin and Mary for hosting us all. The turnout was great and everyone left with a smile and full tummies. The only complaint I heard was about the wind. I must admit it was difficult to arrive at the next home looking put together with your hair standing on end! It also made driving interesting for those brave souls that drove their A's.

I hope you all caught the 42 year old picture in the MAFCA web site of our very own John Trumbo. In case you didn't it pictured John down in a canyon removing car body parts from a long-deserted Model A Coupe. HE WAS A REAL 70's DUDE. (See page 4 of this newsletter.)

We are anxiously waiting for that phone call from Jan telling us "the Sandhill Cranes are in West Richland enjoying the Yakima River and jump in your Model A and come and see." Then, of course, we will all get to go eat some place together.

We all send our special thoughts to Grace Jackson and surely hope she feels better soon and mends quickly.

## Bev McGillicuddy

## Ladies Lunch

The monthly ladies lunch will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 12:30 PM, at the Fiesta Restaurant in Pasco.

The restaurant is located on Road 68.

# Progressive Dinner A Feast to Remember

On March 18, 2017, a progressive dinner was held. As usual, the membership showed up for the promise of Spring, good fellowship and food. Those who attended were Rick and Janet Budzeck, Bev and Blaine McGillicuddy, Marshall and Sharon Hauck, Jan and Mara Jackson, Larry and Sue Campbell, Dean and Teri Hinkson, Laura Osterwyk, Mary Fraser, John Trumbo with daughter Joy and guest Grace, Dave and Debbi Hannah, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, and Garry and Joanne Bryan.

We were honored to be hosted by Marshall and Sharon, Tom and Robin and Mary. At every location there was plenty of lively conversation to be noted, foods to be consumed, and hedging our bets on Spring weather. Even with the cooler temperature that day, there were three Model A's in attendance. The planning committee would like to thank everyone for their help with the success of this event. THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL!

*Submitted by Mary Fraser and Joanne Bryan*



## Wanapum Heritage Center Tour

The club's first out of town tour will take place on April 15th and will take us to the Wanapum Heritage Center. The center is located next to Priest Rapids Dam and is five miles south of Mattawa, Washington. The 50,000 square foot center, which opened on October 15, 2015, was planned and constructed by the Grant PUD and Wanapum people.

Plan to meet at the Spudnut Shop in Richland's Uptown Shopping Center. We'll depart at 9:30 AM and travel approximately 50 miles via Highway 240. Lunch details have not been finalized, but we will either eat at Desert Aire or bring our own lunches. Final details will be provided at the April meeting.

***If you have questions about the tour, please contact Larry Campbell at (509) 783-5864.***

# Fashion Feature

*Fashions of the Model A Ford Era*

## Fashion 101

Let's not forget what the suit styles were for the well-dressed man in 1928. Medium sized lapels on the jacket that ended in the closed flap or gentle outward curved jacket bottom edge were popular. A handkerchief hung delicately out of the jacket pocket. The matching colored pants came with a large cuff. A matching vest was worn to finish out the suit look.

**Submitted by Robin Eldhardt**



## MAFCA NEWS

**MAFFI Minute:** Last year at Model A Day, we featured one of the four Model A's that traveled around the world in 1982. What a trip! I don't believe it could be duplicated today. Following the trip, Dianne Davis wrote a book about it and in preparation for Model A Day, a DVD was compiled of the presentation that Bob and Dottie Myers made after returning. MAFFI is fortunate to have several copies of both the video and the book and they are available for a small donation on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested, please email me at [president@maffi.org](mailto:president@maffi.org) with your name and we'll go from there, but remember, there is a limited supply. We appreciate Bruce Davis for donating the books to MAFFI last year and to MAFFI Trustee, Jim Thomas, for working to pull the DVD together. If you aren't familiar with the details of this trip, you really need both of these items for your library. This trip was the adventure of a lifetime and it is a thrill to read and hear about it. Don't miss this opportunity.

We are making changes at the museum this year so plan on coming to Model A Day 2017 to see what's new.

Loukie Smith, MAFFI president  
[president@maffi.org](mailto:president@maffi.org)



Scavenging parts 42 years ago in the Sacramento River Box Canyon below Lake Siskiyou near the city of Mt. Shasta. A cold chisel, crowbar, mini hacksaw and vice grips removed the rumble seat rain gutter, adjustable front seat frame and rear sill for John Trumbo's still unfinished 1931 Model A Ford Cabriolet project.

This photo was published under the 'A' of the Day section of the MAFCA web site. If you noticed John's coat in the Progressive Dinner section you'll note that he was a regular Beau Brummell even 42 years ago. How many people dismantle a Model A wearing a sport coat?

# Restoration Projects

## Model A Ford Repair & Restoration – Starter

Replacing a Starter is another one of the easier jobs we all may face. ***This article will focus on the replacement of the Starter and/or Starter Switch assembly.*** The early 1928 Starters had a 1/2" Starter Drive shaft while the later 1928 – 31 Starters had a 5/8" Starter Drive shaft for the Armature.

***CAUTION: The cable from the Battery is HOT (6 volts). Do NOT short this wire or the Battery to a ground.***

***Tools Needed:*** A screwdriver (flat blade), a ball peen hammer, a roll of electrical tape, and Box end wrenches: 1/2", 9/16", 5/8" and 11/16".

***Parts Needed:*** Starter, Starter Switch, Bendix Drive assembly and mounting tabbed washers.

### ***Starter Inspection:***

REMOVE the Starter brush cover.

INSPECT the brushes for damage and wear.

INSPECT the Starter Armature (rotating assembly) for damage and cleanliness.

CLEAN the contacts on the Starter Armature.

### ***Starter removal:***

LIFT-Up or REMOVE the Floor Mat/Carpeting on the Driver's side of the vehicle.

REMOVE the Battery access metal cover.

DISCONNECT the Negative (-) Battery cable terminal. This is the cable at the front of the Battery.

PLACE the Negative Battery cable such that it can't touch the Negative (-) Battery post. Insulate the cable end using tape, a piece of rubber, etc.

UNLATCH and OPEN the Hood from the Driver's side.

REMOVE the Starter Switch Push Rod.

DISCONNECT the Battery cable from the Starter Switch assembly.

DISCONNECT wiring from the Safety Fuse assembly, if installed.

REMOVE the Oil Dip Stick and cover the hole with a piece of tape.

HOLD the Starter while REMOVING the three mounting bolts to the Flywheel housing.

REMOVE the Starter from the vehicle.

### ***Starter Switch assembly removal:***

REMOVE the four screws used to mount the Starter Switch assembly.

REMOVE the Safety Fuse assembly, if installed.

INSPECT the Starter Switch assembly contact.

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Starter Bendix assembly removal:

BEND the bolt tabs down and REMOVE the two Bendix mounting bolts.

SLIDE the Bendix off of the Starter drive shaft.

INSPECT the Bendix for damage and proper operation.

Starter installation:

OBTAIN replacement parts as needed: Starter, Starter Switch, Bendix, tabbed washers, etc.

INSTALL the Bendix assembly onto the Starter shaft.

TIGHTEN the two mount bolts and BEND the washer locking tabs up.

INSTALL the Starter Switch and Safety Fuse assembly (if installed) onto the Starter.

SLIDE the Starter back in position and INSTALL the three mounting bolts.

REINSTALL the Oil Dip Stick.

RECONNECT wiring to the Starter and Safety Fuse assembly (if installed).

REINSTALL the Starter Switch Push Rod.

CLEAN and RECONNECT the Negative (-) Battery cable to the Battery.

REINSTALL the Battery access metal cover.

PUT the Floor Mat and/or Carpeting back in place.

SET the Parking Brake and PLACE the Transmission in Neutral.

MOMENTARILY PUSH the Starter Push Rod to make sure that the Starter energizes and it engages the Flywheel turning the engine over.

***Submitted by Tom Eldhardt***

# Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2017

The monthly meeting was opened by president Bev McGillicuddy and attended by Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Garry and Joanne Bryan, Rick and Janet Budzeck, Larry and Sue Campbell, Mary Fraser, Dave and Debbi Hannah, Dean and Teri Hinkson, Jan and Mara Jackson, Pete Jackson, Blaine McGillicuddy, John Trumbo and Bill Schaeppi. The minutes from the February meeting were approved with a motion and Garry provided the treasurer's report.

**Correspondence:** Mara reported she received information on: (1) the Antique Car Swap Meet in Corvallis, Oregon on April 23rd; (2) the Kiona-Benton Show & Shine set for May 27th in Benton City; and (3) the Can Am Model A Reliability Run sponsored by the Moon-On A's in Mt. Baker on August 9th. John passed our registration sheets for those who want to rent a space at the Tri-Cities 41st Annual Swap Meet and Antique Car display set for Saturday, May 6th.

**Sunshine:** Mary circulated a get well card she will hand deliver to Grace after her hip replacement surgery, which is scheduled for March 13th at Lourdes in Pasco.

**Tours:** Larry stated the Progressive get-together will be this coming Saturday, March 18th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. He also commented on an overnight tour to Baker City set for August 29-30 and provided some details on the 100,000 mile competition sponsored by MAFCA. Further details will be provided at a later date and then our club can decide whether or not they want to participate. Other suggestions for tours were shared by club members and John displayed some brochures for tour ideas.

Bev reported the Yakima Club would not be attending the regional meet in Coos Bay due to the fact they could not find lodging. Mara asked if our club would like to donate a raffle prize for the meet. Those present approved the gift, which Mara volunteered to purchase on behalf of our club and take to the meet. Rick offered to provide a wooden Model A toy truck to be included in the basket. In response to a letter Mara received from the regional meet hosts, she asked if those attending the meet would like to volunteer to help where needed, to which they said they would, but preferably not in the repair tent. Marshall asked if those attending the meet would like to return to the Tri-Cities via Sunriver and stay for a couple of nights. All of the six couples planning on going to the meet agreed they would like to do this; therefore, the Hauck's are reserving their vacation rental and another home nearby for this side tour.

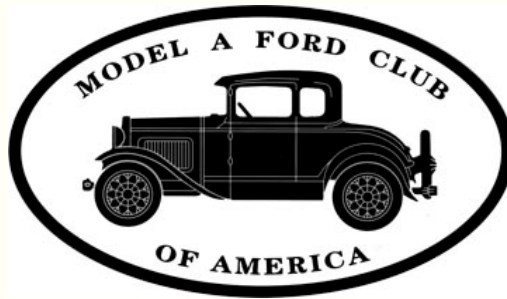
For the progressive meal coming up, Joanne announced they needed a volunteer to open their home for the appetizer portion, to which Marshall and Sharon offered. With that, the day will begin at the Hauck home at 2:30 p.m. for appetizers, proceed to Tom and Robin's home for the main course and then have dessert at Mary's home. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those planning on attending and another sign-up sheet for those willing to bring food items of their choice to this event.

Bev recognized those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries and thanked Dave and Debbi for providing tonight's refreshments. With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Following the meeting, Debbi shared how she and a friend rescue dogs from the pound and then through a program at the Umatilla prison they train selected inmates and the dogs. Upon completion of a 10-step regiment, the dogs are found homes.

**Respectfully Submitted by Janet Budzeck, Secretary**

*The purpose of the club shall be to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. Membership in the Model A Ford Club of America is a requirement to joining the Columbia Basin Chapter. To join MAFCA, see the web site at <[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)> and click on the "Join MAFCA" tab. Requirements for membership in the chapter shall not insist upon the actual possession of a Model A Ford, merely an interest in the objectives of the club and a desire to take an active part in club activities shall be the primary requirement for membership. (Excerpt from Columbia Basin Model A Club Bylaws dated February 2015.)*



## Free Membership Application

**Expires August 31, 2017**

*Please Print*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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I give MAFCA permission to publish my phone number in future membership rosters.

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Yes No

Optional Initiation Package \$11.00  
Plus Shipping Charge

One Back Issue of *The Restorer*  
One Lapel Pin  
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Additional Items Of Interest  
Plus Shipping Charge

Denim Baseball Cap...\$14.00  
Spill Proof Travel Mug...\$11.95  
MAFCA Afghan...\$39.00  
Model A Bank...\$25.00

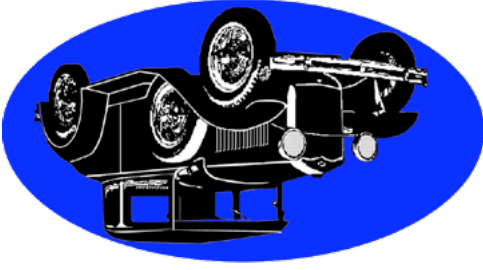
Item Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
2017 MAFCA Membership	1	\$0.00	0.00
<b>*Canadian/Mexico \$18 : International \$27 Surcharge</b>			
*Surcharge for membership outside of US is postage fee.			
<b>Shipping Charges...Up to \$10.00=\$5.75 / \$10.01-\$23=\$9.85 / \$23.01-\$50.00=\$11.95 / 50.01-\$100=\$14.25</b>			
<b>Total Purchase</b>			

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### Requirements For Free Membership

- Only families never having held membership in MAFCA may apply for free membership
- Free membership includes *The Restorer* magazine from the time the application is received by the office. Past issues may be purchased at the regular price depending on availability.

**Return Free Membership Form To MAFCA 250 So. Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631-5515  
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