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Meeting Location:

Country Gentleman
9221 W. Clearwater Ave • Kennewick, WA
December 10th, 9:00 a.m.



Alyce Thompson and son, Conner, are at last year's West Richland Veterans Day Parade with their 1930 Model A Ford Tudor.



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Meeting Schedule

January:	Tom & Robin Eldhardt/Mary Fraser
February:	Club Members - Chocolate
March:	Garry & Joanne Bryan
April:	Pete & Grace Jackson
May:	Larry & Sue Campbell
June:	Hosts needed
July:	Club Members - Potluck
August:	Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy
September:	Calvin & Vernita Coffey
October:	Marshall & Sharon Hauck
November:	Jan & Mara Jackson
December:	Christmas Brunch

Dues are Due

Bring an extra \$10 to the Christmas Brunch for a family membership or \$5 for a single membership. If you can't make the brunch, we'll see you in January.

If you're not enrolled by January, you won't be included in the 2017 roster. Don't make us chase you down!

Birthdays

<i>Janet Budzeck</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Thora Trumbo</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Teri Hinkson</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>Sharon Hauck</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Tom Eldhardt</i>	<i>28th</i>

Anniversaries

<i>Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy</i>	<i>27th</i>
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Message from the Prez



The days are getting shorter and so am I.

Another year comes to an abrupt close and as I swirl my Scotch and think about the good times we've had a tear falls down my cheek and lands in my Scotch thus rendering it too salty to drink. Drat!

As with most organizations, no man is an island and there were plenty of people to help run the ship. Thank you to Vernita for taking over the treasurer's job, Janet for her steadfast recording of the minutes and to Bev and Blaine for their work on the tours this past year.

And, a big thank you to those who helped out with the 5-club tour. I hope we can continue the tradition of meeting with our neighbors and tour to informative and entertaining places.

May 2017 bring joy and happiness to you and your family.

Jan Jackson

Christmas Brunch

This year's Christmas Brunch will be held at the Country Gentleman restaurant. Festivities start at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 10th. Attendees will order off the menu. The address is:

Country Gentleman
9221 West Clearwater Avenue
Kennewick, WA 99336

We will have a short business meeting to ratify the following nominated officers for 2017:

President: Bev McGillicuddy
Vice President: Larry Campbell
Secretary: Janet Budzeck
Treasurer: Garry Bryan

After the meeting and meal we'll have our Chinese gift exchange. Women should bring a woman's gift, men should bring a man's gift. Please clearly mark the gifts by gender. Gift value is a \$10.00 minimum.

Veterans Day Parade (AKA Foggy Foggy Dew)

The Annual Veterans Day Parade in West Richland was held on Saturday, November 5th. We were supposed to be in line at 8:30, but the parade didn't start until 9:30. That is, if you were at the head of the parade. Mara and I pulled a few strings and managed to get us pushed back towards the end of the parade following a midget burrow pulling a tiny wagon. As part of the entertainment a woman was walking next to the burrow swinging a US flag and occasionally hitting the burrow on the rump as if that was going to make it go any faster. I'm pretty sure that act was unpatriotic and the flag should have been burned in reverence at the end of the parade.

Participants included Garry & Joanne Bryan, Rick & Janet Budzeck with grandsons Conner and Harrison, Larry & Sue Campbell, Tom & Robin Eldhardt, Jan & Mara Jackson and Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy. Calvin & Vernita Coffey, John & Walteen Corson, Mary Fraser and Marshall & Sharon Hauck met us at Sterling's after the parade.

You can clearly see by the photos that we were following this year's theme of "Stars & Stripes." Several of our members were too cold (and intelligent) to stand outside and freeze. The others of us with more adventurous natures stood outside for a couple of hours and froze our hiney's off. The new staging area had us lined up on Grosscup instead of Van Giesen so we didn't have access to restroom facilities or to the ubiquitous doughnuts usually available from the West Richland Chamber of Commerce.

We inched along for about a half hour before we actually got to the start of the parade route. About half way through the parade I had to start pushing down on my left leg with my hand to successfully engage the clutch enough to shift because my leg muscles had given out. The crowds were surprisingly large and enthusiastic as we ambled down the route honking our horns and yelling at the burrow to get out of the way.

At the conclusion of the parade we all drove to the new Sterling's Restaurant in Richland for a much needed cup of hot coffee/tea and a warm meal. Most of the parade route I was thinking of one of my favorite author's book titles, 'It was a Fine & Pleasant Misery.' Let's do this again next year!

Submitted by Jan Jackson



Photos above show some of the participants in and out of their cars waiting for the parade to start.

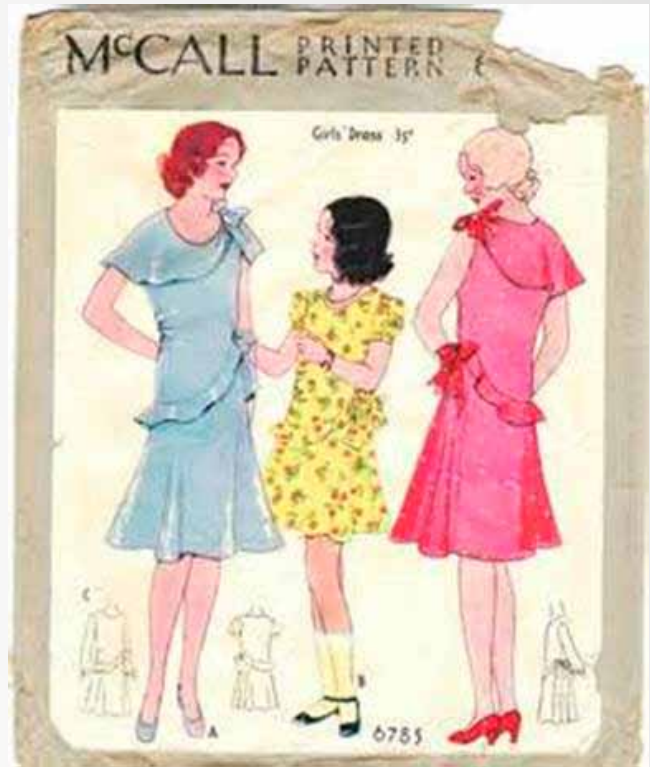
Fashion Feature

Fashions of the Model A Ford Era

Fashion 101

Sewing for a young girl can be a daunting task. The pattern selected for this month's article is McCall Printed Pattern #6785 for 1931 girls dresses with flounce.

Submitted by Robin Eldhardt



MAFCA NEWS

The 2017 NW Regional Meet in Coos Bay, Oregon has a web site that can be accessed by clicking on this hot link <http://2017nwrn.weebly.com/>. This site contains all of the information to get you registered, so check it out and join us in Coos Bay next June.

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Merry Christmas



Restoration Projects

Model A Ford Repair & Restoration

Water Pump

Does your Water Pump drip-drip-drip water? Adding packing material around the original Water Pump shaft can stop or lessen the water leaking around the shaft. The packing material/rings are made of a graphite material. Replacing the Water pump with a newer Leak-less style Water Pump is an alternative, although they can be expensive. Installing the improved Water Pump mounting stud bolts can make Water Pump removal/installation easier, rather than using the stock studs and nuts.

TOOLS NEEDED:

Water Pump wrench, 3/4", 9/16" and 1/2" open end wrenches, packing pick tool, ball peen hammer and Fan Blade knock-off tool.

WATER PUMP PACKING TIGHTENING:

1. TIGHTEN the Water Pump packing nut Clockwise (CW) as viewed from front of car.
2. CHECK for water leakage.

WATER PUMP PACKING REPLACEMENT:

3. BACK OFF the Water Pump packing nut Counter-Clockwise (CCW). (Pry up from Driver's side).
4. REMOVE the old packing using a pick tool.
5. INSTALL the new packing material/rings.
6. TIGHTEN the Water Pump packing nut Clockwise (CW).

WATER PUMP REPLACEMENT:

1. OPEN up the hood from the Driver's side. Some people prefer booth side be open.
2. LOOSEN the Generator mounting bolt located under the Generator.
3. LOOSEN, If installed, the Generator tension brace/bracket.
4. SWING Generator in and REMOVE the Fan Belt from the Generator and Water Pump pulleys.
5. REMOVE the Water Pump mounting stud nuts or the stud bolts, if installed.
6. REMOVE the Water Pump from the engine. Use the following steps if the Water Pump/Fan Blades hit the Radiator and the Water Pump/Fan assembly will not easily come out.
 - a. REMOVE the two screws holding the rear Hood retainer clip and remove the clip.
 - b. LIFT the Hood off of the car/truck. (Using two people or a lift tool is recommended).
 - c. LOOSEN the two Radiator support rod nuts at the radiator end and lift rods up.
 - d. DRAIN water from the Radiator such that the upper hose clamp can be loosened.
 - e. LOOSEN the upper Radiator hose clamp from the Radiator.
 - f. TILT the Radiator forward.

FAN BLADE REMOVAL:

1. REMOVE the cotter pin and nut from the front of the Water Pump shaft.
2. SCREW the Fan Blade knock-off tool onto the end of the shaft.
3. HIT the end of the tool with a hammer several times while holding the Fan Blades near the hub. A second person is useful in holding the Fan Blade/hub assembly.

WATER PUMP INSTALLATION:

1. INSTALL Water Pump in reverse order of previous steps.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt

Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 2016

The monthly meeting was opened by the president Jan Jackson. The following members were in attendance: Larry and Sue Campbell, Dave Hannah, Mara Jackson, Marshall Hauck, Garry and Joanne Bryan, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy, Bill Schaeppi and Rick and Janet Budzeck. Jan asked the veterans in the club to stand; he thanked them for their service and they were applauded by those present. The minutes from the October meeting were approved with a motion and the treasurer's report was provided by Janet.

Correspondence: Mara reported the club received an invitation from the Modesto A's in Turlock, California to attend their 51st annual swap meet set for January 28th and 29th, 2017.

Sunshine: Bev commented she sent a sympathy card to John and Thora Trumbo in recognition of the passing away of his mother.

Tours: Bev shared highlights from the Veteran's Day parade and reminded members of the Christmas party set for Saturday, December 10th, at Country Gentleman beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those attending will order off the menu. It was suggested that you give Janet a call if you plan on attending so she can provide the restaurant with a head count. As happens each year, a Chinese gift exchange will take place with a \$10.00 minimum gift. Remember to bring a lady's gift for a lady and a man's gift for a man.

Old Business: Nomination of officers for 2017 then took place - Garry as treasurer, Janet as secretary, Larry as vice president and Bev as president. Election of officers will take place at the December meeting. Thank you to each of those who agreed to serve.

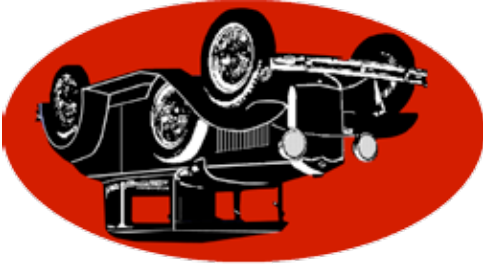
New Business: (1) Jan circulated a draft of the 2017 calendar and asked club members to check and make sure the information provided is correct and to indicate how many calendars they want to order. The completed calendars will be distributed at the Christmas brunch. (2) He then passed around a petition from John Firth, president of the Northwest Regional Group (NWRG), asking members to approve changing the MAFCA by-laws to reflect future MAFCA presidents can only serve two one-year terms in a life time. (3) Mara circulated a host/hostess sign-up sheet for 2017.

Projects: Bill stated he has completed the ground up restoration of his 1931 Model A Coupe. Jan remarked that Don Meyers sold his 1929 Town Sedan. Jan also stated that he and Blaine have completed rebuilding several carburetors, so they now have two "A" carburetors and two "B" carburetors for sale if anyone needs one. Joanne brought some fabric with the word 'Ford' on it to give to anyone interested.

Jan recognized those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries for the month and thanked Mara for providing the refreshments.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Budzeck, Secretary



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