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Meeting Location:

Meadow Springs Country Club
700 Country Club Road
Richland, WA
December 9th, 9:00 a.m.



Bill Schaeppi is shown with his newly restored 1931 Model A Ford Coupe. Bill has added a Webber down draft carburetor, modern distributor and a variety of other improvements to his car.



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Meeting Schedule

January:	Larry & Sue Campbell
February:	Garry & Joanne Bryan
March:	Dave & Debbi Hannah
April:	Rick & Janet Budzeck
May:	Tom & Robin Eldhardt
June:	Club Birthday Party
July:	4th of July Potluck
August:	Bev & Blaine McGillicuddy
September:	Calvin & Vernita Coffey
October:	Jan & Mara Jackson
November:	Lunch after Parade
December:	Christmas Brunch

Club Events

Christmas Brunch December 9th

Birthdays

Janet Budzeck	2nd
Thora Trumbo	5th
Sharon Hauck	27th
Tom Eldhardt	28th

Anniversaries

Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy	27th
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Dues are Due

Dues will remain at \$10/family or \$5/individual. Bring your dues to the Christmas brunch along with calendar and brunch funds.

Bev's Blarney



This is my last "Bev's Blarney" so the most important thing I want to say is to thank you all for making this such a fun year with good friends.

Christmas season is no time to be negative, but I want to keep my promise to myself to always try to write something that could be helpful. No doubt the teacher in me. I want to remind myself and you that we need to be extra cautious when shopping in the confusion of Christmas crowds. We need to be extra careful to protect ourselves from wallet thieves. It's also a good idea to put your credit cards on your printer and copy both sides. If you are traveling just keep a copy in your suitcase. Blaine and I actually did this about 10 years ago. Needless to say there have been many changes so I need to practice what I preach. I'm sure most of the credit card thievery is related to technology, but it would be comforting to have all the toll free numbers and credit card numbers immediately available.

I just heard from a friend of mine that she was advised by her bank to call the three national credit card reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number. This alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact by phone to authorize new credit. This seems like a "Bah Humbug" at this time of year, but two weeks ago I got a "hello, grandmother this is your grandson calling and I need some help" calls. It obviously wasn't the voice of any of my grandsons and he did sort of panic and hung up after a short conversation with me. This call matches one Blaine got several years ago from a girl claiming to be a granddaughter in need of \$3,000. Some scumbags have been known to take advantage of the hustle and bustle of December. But not with us - Right!

Now on to happier things!!! We are looking forward to a fun Christmas brunch as our last Model A function of 2017. After brunch we will have a very short meeting to vote and welcome in our new officers for 2018. Then comes the presents. We may exchange and exchange until the third time - then it's for keeps. My parting thought is for all of you to have a very, very, very Merry Christmas and don't forget the old saying "Remember the Reason for the Season."

Bev McGillicuddy



Veterans Day Parade

Several Columbia Basin Model A Club members assembled in West Richland for our annual Veterans Day Parade. The weather was a bit chilly, but not arctic. No one broke down, the crowds were, I thought, pretty good considering it started drizzling about the time the parade started.

Members included Calvin and Vernita Coffey, Marshall and Sharon Hauck, Jan and Mara Jackson, Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy and Mike & Linda Porter.

After the parade we zipped up to Jan & Mara's for a quick refreshment and then drove into Richland to Dupus Boomer's for lunch where we were joined by Sue Campbell, Mary Fraser and Laura Osterwyk

Submitted by Jan Jackson

Christmas Brunch/Calendars

Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy have graciously arranged to have our annual Christmas meeting at Meadow Springs Country Club this year. The meeting and brunch will be held Saturday, December 9th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The cut off date to confirm your attendance is Friday, December 1st. The number of attendees will determine the room, menu and cost. Additional brunch information will be communicated via email after the attendee list is finalized. Country club dress code - no blue jeans allowed.

The annual Chinese gift exchange will be held after breakfast. Don't forget, women bring a woman's gift and men bring a man's. Please clearly mark the gift by gender. Gift value is a \$10 minimum. We will follow our past rules of drawing for choosing order. The #1 person gets to choose again at the end of the exchange.

Jan and Mara will distribute the 2018 calendars prior to breakfast. The cost of each calendar is \$8.00 this year.

To confirm your participation, or if you have any questions regarding the brunch or calendars, please contact Bev at 627-1254, or Jan at 967-2801.

Restoration Projects

Model A Ford Repair & Restoration – The Ahooga Horn

Is your Horn sounding a little sick? Is it in need of oil, needing adjustment or is the voltage to the Horn below 6 volts? The problem may be one or all of these. This article will address these concerns and try and fix the Horn so that it will let everyone know you are on the road.

Horn operation: Negative (-) power from the 6 Volt Battery is connected to one side of the Horn motor. The other side of the motor is connected to the positive (+) ground side of the Battery when the Horn Button is depressed. The Horn motor rotates the Diaphragm Ratchet against the pointed button on the Diaphragm. The pressure of the Ratchet exerted against the Diaphragm and the speed of the motor force the Horn to make the “Ahooga” sound.

Tools Needed: Flat blade screw driver, two of 7/16” end wrenches.

Parts Needed: Horn, parts and oil.

CAUTION: The wire from the Generator is energized (HOT) electrically by the Battery. Remove the fuse (if installed), disconnect the wire to the Horn at the Generator or disconnect the battery cable.

CAUTION: Ensure that the screw holding the back motor cover on is not too long, as it will short out the brush holder to ground and damage the motor windings.

NOTES: The parts are to be assembled together and then installed with the small drain holes at the bottom.

Assembly order (front to back): Projector & Bell, Gasket, Diaphragm, Gasket, Motor base, and then the rear motor cover. Steps may be performed together.

Horn Removal/Testing Replacement: (wires held in place with spring clamps inside of the Horn)

REMOVE the Horn rear cover (single screw and washer).

DISCONNECT Yellow wire ran to the Generator.

CAUTION: Wire is energized (HOT) unless fuse is pulled or Battery disconnected.

DISCONNECT Blue w/Yellow tracer wire ran to the Lighting Switch in Main Harness.

REMOVE the two long bolts/washers/nuts used to attach the Horn to the Horn bracket.

TEST the Horn by wiring it directly to the Battery. If it sounds great and the motor rotates fast then the problem is probably in the wiring and connections associated with the Steering Wheel mounted Horn button.

Horn Disassembly:

REMOVE the other four short bolts/nuts used to attach the Projector & Bell to the Horn motor.

INSPECT/CLEAN/REPLACE the wiring connection spring clamps.

INSPECT/REPLACE the Terminal block (insulated).

CLEAN the commutator with sandpaper (do not use emery paper).

INSPECT/REPLACE the Horn motor brushes and the Brush springs.

INSPECT/REPLACE the Horn motor brush holders.

INSPECT/REPLACE the Horn Diaphragm Ratchet located on motor shaft.

INSPECT/REPLACE the Horn Diaphragm plate.

INSPECT/REPLACE the Horn Diaphragm gaskets. (Note - Drain hole location)

Final Job wrap up:

Reassemble in reverse order of disassembly.

Make sure that all wiring connections are tight.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt

Editor's note: Be really careful removing the nut at the end of the comutator shaft. Some of the horns came with a reverse thread. If you twist the nut off of the shaft good luck finding a used comutator to replace yours because they don't make new ones. Why yes I am speaking from experience!

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Brush holder set



Diaphragm ratchet



Terminal Block



Terminal contacts

Rebuild kit – 2 of Projector & Bell to Motor base gaskets, Diaphragm, 2 of Brushes and Brush springs, Projector & Bell screen, Horn to Light bar mounting bracket, Horn sound adjustment screw, Horn cover mounting screw & washer, 4 of short Projector & Bell to Motor mounting bolts/washers/nuts, and 2 of long Projector & Bell, Motor and Light bar bracket mounting bolts/washers/nuts.

Fashion 101

This McCall Printed Pattern #5597 debuted the stylish look of the 1928 era. The dress could be made using a solid or printed pattern material or by using contrasting colored materials. The surplice closing on the dress top was on the left while the skirt seam was on the right. The short sleeved dress design was available for the warmer summer time use.

Submitted by Robin Eldhardt



Merry Christmas Model A'ers



MAFCA NEWS

2018 National Convention:

The registration package has been released and it is available on the MAFCA web site. In this package is information about making hotel reservations at the exceptionally low Convention rate of \$79 per night. If you would rather bring your RV, there is information about RV parks.

Learn about the Welcome Party (All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Buffet), self-guided tours to some of the area's most exciting sites, bus tours to Lake Tahoe cruises, visits to some historic sites. The grand tour will be special with a unique destination and entertainment during your lunch stop. Vehicle judging, fashion judging and many more traditional events will be included. Your week will be capped off with a fantastic Award Banquet. In the end you will have made many new friends, visited with cherished long-time friends, and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Update: We are sorry to tell you that the Fallon Naval Air Station bus tours are BOTH FULL. Extra tours may be added and a waiting list has been established.

Don't wait. Get your registration forms in right away. We look forward to seeing you next June. "Check your timing and advance to Sparks." (Article obtained from the MAFCA web site)

MAFFI Newsletter Minute:

Send a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, over 1400 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of our favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 200 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area this year! You could help us make that goal by ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. It would make a great gift for that loved one in your family who really doesn't 'need' anything and, of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in the 'A' Preserver to order your engraved brick. It will be in place at the Museum by next September.

Merry Christmas and thank you.

Loukie Smith
Brick Coordinator



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> 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.)

Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2017

The November meeting of the Columbia Basin Model A Club was held after the Veterans Day Parade in West Richland at Dupus Boomer's Restaurant in Richland. Club members gathered for lunch together and a quick business meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Bev McGillicuddy. Those in attendance: Sue Campbell, Calvin and Vernita Coffey, Mary Fraser, Marshall and Sharon Hauck, Jan and Mara Jackson, Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy, and Laura Osterwyk. Guests: Mike and Linda Porter.

Treasurer Report

Our club account increased by 52 cents!

Old Business

There will be no Ladies Lunch scheduled for the month of December. The next Ladies Lunch will be held on January 3 at 12:30 p.m. Location will be provided in the January newsletter.

Bev reported that to date 15 people have signed up for the Club Christmas Brunch which will be held at Meadow Springs Country Club on December 9, 2017. Anyone who wants to attend needs to contact Bev ASAP. A Chinese gift exchange will be a part of the festivities. Don't forget everyone needs to bring a gift (\$10 minimum) to the exchange that corresponds to their gender.

In addition - 2018 Club Dues are due so plan to pay those during the Christmas Brunch AND Jan and Mara Jackson will be delivering pre-ordered 2018 CBMAC calendars.

Nominating Club Officers for 2018

President – Larry Campbell

Vice President – Marshall Hauck

Secretary – Janet Budzeck

Treasurer – Garry Bryan

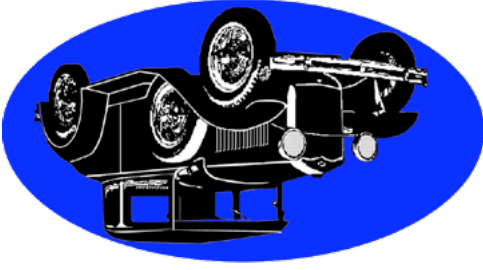
The slate of officers will be voted on at the December meeting (Christmas Brunch).

Sunshine Report

Bev has talked with Garry and Joanne regarding Garry's treatment and follow up. After a trip to Seattle, the VA approved Garry's treatment locally at the Cancer Center here in the Tri-Cities. Treatment will begin next Tuesday. Please keep Garry and Joanne in your thoughts and prayers.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Hauck, Secretary Pro-Tem



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