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## Meeting Location:

The February meeting will be held at the Chocolate Extravaganza on Saturday, February 14th, 7 p.m., at Rick and Janet Budzeck's home.



Frank and Laura Osterwyk are at the annual West Richland Veterans Day Parade with their 1930 Ford Model A Coupe.



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## Meeting Schedule

January:	Tom & Robin Eldhardt/Mary Fraser
February:	Dean & Teri Hinkson
March:	Dave & Deb Hannah
April:	Rick & Janet Budzeck
May:	Pete & Grace Jackson
June:	Garry & Joanne Bryan
July:	Club Members Potluck
August:	Jan & Mara Jackson
September:	William & Emilia Sperry
October:	Frank & Laura Osterwyk
November:	Calvin & Vernita Coffey
December:	Christmas Brunch

***"It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste."***

***Henry Ford***

## Calendar of Events

Ladies Lunch	February 4
Chocolate Extravaganza	February 14
A Wee Bit O'Ireland	March 14
Hanford Reach Center Tour	April TBA
Swap Meet - Kennewick	May 2
Dinner & A Play	May TBA
Mule Mania	May 23
NW Regional Meet	June 23-28

## BIRTHDAYS

CALVIN COFFEY	18TH
GRACE JACKSON	19TH

## Message from the Prez

It's hard to believe that it has been 9 years since I've held this office. The last time I was president we were in the middle of planning, registration and running the 2006 Northwest Regional Meet. This was quite an experience – just ask any of the survivors!



The Columbia Basin Model A Club has started 2015 with a great service project that was attended by 14 club members. We helped 2nd Harvest sort potatoes, onions and apples for distribution to families in need. In less than 3 hours we sorted 12 tons of food! Check out the more detailed article in this issue of the Columbia Crier. Rick and Janet Budzeck have been the organizers and have another visit to 2nd Harvest planned for April 2015. Great job Rick and Janet!

Don't miss the Chocolate Extravaganza at the Budzeck's this year on Valentine's Day. In addition to all the chocolate treats you can imagine, we will hold our February monthly meeting. I promise to keep it short so that you will have more time with the chocolate!

A few sunny, mild days gets me thinking about my spring Model A tune up or maybe all those winter Model A projects that I haven't started yet. Maybe when the temperature reaches 60 degrees F! It won't be long and we will all be on the road again.

I know Jan is busy planning many great activities for the coming year. There should be something for everyone – picnics, tours, overnight trips – just wait until you see his list.

See you on Valentine's Day.

*Marshall Hauck*

## Ladies Lunch

The February Ladies Lunch will be held at Bamboo Garden on Wednesday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m. The restaurant is located at 8021 West Grandridge Boulevard in Kennewick, across the street from Ranch & Home.



# 2nd Harvest

After a very good meal at Magill's, we left and made our way to the 2nd Harvest site on Burlington Loop. I thought there would be about ten of us, but 15 showed up for a late breakfast and then on to 2nd Harvest to sort food. Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Mary Fraser, Bev and Blaine McGillicuddy, Garry Bryan, Marshall and Sharon Hauck, Jan and Mara Jackson, Frank and Laura Osterwyk, Vernita Coffey along with Rick and Janet Budzeck, all came to pick through apples, onions and potatoes.



It took a while to get checked in and to view the required safety videos, but once done we were ready to dig into the many large boxes of apples, potatoes and onions they had on hand to sort. We were there with about ten others, who also volunteered their time.

We all worked until about 2:00 p.m., after which we were told that enough food had been sorted to provide over 18,000 meals. Needless to say, it was a good day. We thought we would try to do this again some time in April, so look for more information on possible times and days and also ideas on where we might eat.

**Submitted by Rick Budzeck**

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# Chocolate Extravaganza

The annual Valentine's Day Chocolate Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, February 14th, 7:00 p.m., at Rick and Janet Budzeck's home in Richland. The club's February meeting has been moved to the 14th; Marshall has promised to conduct a short meeting in order for us to be able to dive into and enjoy the variety of chocolaty, tasty treats that will be provided by club members.

Last year we had the opportunity to spill wine on the Hinkson's new carpet, but fortunately, no one had an accident. All of the club members are asked to bring a plate of something chocolaty to contribute to the party. If you would like to have some wine with your chocolate, please bring your favorite flavor.

Please plan to attend this sweet event; it's an evening that has proven to be a highlight of the year!

For questions about the evening, contact extravaganza planners, Janet Budzeck or Teri Hinkson.

**When: February 14th**

**Time: 7:00 P.M.**

**Where: Budzeck's • 2087 Hoxie • Richland, WA**

**What: Bring chocolate & wine of your choice.**

**Why: Fellowship and tasty treats.**



# MAFCA News

Greetings. I wish to thank Dan Foulk, last year's President, for keeping the wheels spinning in a forward direction. A big thank you goes out to our retiring directors, Doug Linden, Chuck Cheshire and Vaughn Cille Weidner. This year we have three new directors coming on board, Mark Smith from New Hampshire and Dave Bockman and Jay McCord from California. It's nice to see both the left and right coasts represented this year.

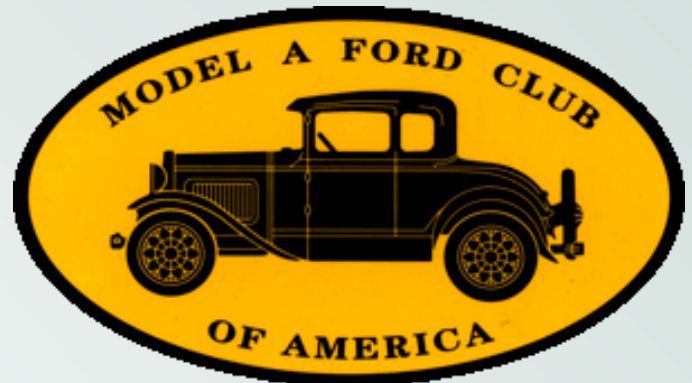
It seems that the holiday season has just ended and we are already tuning up, cleaning up and getting ready for a great Model A season. I sure hope you are as excited about it as I am. Each year, MAFCA offers some great opportunities for the Model A World to experience the best it has to offer. In even numbered years, it's the National Convention, with 2016's being hosted by the Mile High Chapter in beautiful Loveland Colorado. The dates are June 19-24, 2016, so write it on the calendar. Not to be outdone will be this year's exciting National Tour, Lobsters and Lighthouses, June 7-12. I've been looking forward to this one for a few years now.

National Tours are held during the odd numbered years and offer a great way for chapters to share with their friends from around the world, something unique to their area. Lobsters and Lighthouses will be MAFCA's 5th National Tour and by all accounts will be one that is heavily attended. I hope to meet you on it, so come on up and say "HI". Each year MAFCA holds our Annual Awards Banquet. This is more than a banquet, it's a mini-convention. Less formal and much smaller than a normal convention, it provides a great way to meet new people, spend quality time with old and new friends and meet those people running this great organization. 2014's was hosted by the 50th Anniversary Model A Club in Little Rock. Sammye Harrill and her team did an outstanding job as our hosts. This year's will be December 3-5 in Medford, Oregon and our hosts will be Rogue Valley A's, Henry's Lady, and Sis-Q A's. I hope you are able to attend it.

Speaking of national events, if your chapter would like to host a National Convention, National Tour or National Awards Banquet or just want some information on hosting one, contact MAFCA Vice President Happy Begg at [vp@mafca.com](mailto:vp@mafca.com).

Hoping to see you on the road

Garth Shreading  
2015 MAFCA President



## 2015 Free Memberships

MAFCA is again offering free membership applications to chapter members that have never been a MAFCA member. Each chapter has received five, free membership applications that can be given away to any MAFCA nonmember.

Each free membership application is good from December 2014 to July 1, 2015. Full membership privileges apply including receiving all remaining issues of the award winning *The Restorer* magazine. Past issues may be purchased at the regular price depending on availability.

If you are interested, contact Mara Jackson to obtain an application.



# Fashion Feature

*Fashions of the Model A Ford era, 1928 - 1931 time frame.*

The versatility of these type of patterns allows the seamstress a free hand in creating the look and style she is looking for. Many of the companies making these patterns are still in business today. Today's article is a review of a 1928 Fashions For All pattern. From the picture you will notice the two designs were of knee length dresses. They were made without a waistline belt or below the waistline pockets. They both have long sleeves, with one of them being tapered to the wrist. One of them has a long neckline placket while the other has a "v" neck look. A fashionable hat and stole finish out the red dress for the lady's evening attire, while the lady in the multi-colored green dress reveals her fashionably styled hair.

**Submitted by Robin Eldhardt**



# Northwest Regional Meet

Now is the time to get excited about this summer's Northwest Regional Group Convention hosted by the Walla Walla Sweet A's. Plan to spend your time experiencing the unique culture of the Walla Walla Valley, with its rich historical heritage and diverse agricultural environment. Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Mountains this area sports the best sweet onions on the planet and is also home to over a hundred wineries, many with International Award Winning Wine. There is plenty to keep you busy.

The Walla Walla Sweet A's invite you to Wine With Us in Walla Walla, Washington this June 23-27. More information can be found at [www.nwrm2015.org](http://www.nwrm2015.org)

The Columbia Basin Model A Club is teaming with the Apple Valley A's from Yakima to provide the manpower for the car games.



# How It Works – Part 20

## Steering Arm Replacement

This month's article will be about how to replace the two Steering Arms located on the front axle that are used on the Model A Ford. It will also look at the Drag Link, Tie Rod and Pitman Arm interface with these arms.

From a previous article: the Pitman arm is attached to the Steering Sector and has a ball on its lower end. This Pitman arm ball is attached to the back end of the Drag Link which is not adjustable. The left front wheel spindle has a double steering arm thru-bolted to it with a ball on each arm. One arm is parallel with the front axle when driving straight ahead and is connected to the front of the Drag Link. The other arm is parallel to the frame and is connected to the Left end of the Tie Rod which is adjustable. The right front wheel spindle has a single steering arm thru-bolted to it with a ball installed on one end. This ball is connected to the Right end of the Tie rod which is adjustable.

NOTE: One Tie Rod end has a Left hand thread, the other end is a standard Right hand thread.

Pre-Checks: Prior to any disassembly one needs to check the Drag Link and the Tie Rod for end play. Per a review of Les Andrews and on-line articles, end play of over 1/16" is too much. After removal of the Drag Link and the Tie Rod the balls on the Left front double Steering arms and the ball on the Right front single Steering arm and the one on the Pitman Arm need to be checked for roundness, as any wear can cause front wheel shimmy and alignment issues.

Steering Arm Replacement: The two front Steering arms are pretty easy to replace, as they are thru-bolted to the front spindles. Disconnect them from the Drag Link and/or the Tie Rod, as needed, and then unbolt them from the front spindle. They are pounded out using a hammer. A step lip is provided on the ball side of the arm to aid in pounding them back in. Ensure they are oriented correctly and that the cotter pin has been reinstalled.

Pitman Arm Replacement: Disconnect the ball from the Drag Link and then unbolt the arm from the Steering sector. A newer style arm that has been shortened by 1-1/2" is available and is supposed to make steering easier.

Drag Link/Tie Rod End Repairs: To release the balls from either the Drag Link or the Tie Rod you first need to remove the cotter pin, then unscrew the internal plug with a very large single blade screwdriver or flat bar followed by removal of the internal seat (wear cup) washer. This will allow the ball to come out the side of the end unit. The other internal seat washer and spring can then be removed. Remember that the end units on the Tie Rod are either a Left hand or a Right hand threaded unit if they are being removed. The rods do not generally need replaced, but the internal parts should be replaced. The original seat washer was made of metal. A newer style Teflon seat washer that can be impregnated with bronze is available and should make steering easier. All seat washers should be lubricated.

**Submitted by Tom Eldhardt**



*Photos clockwise from top left: Pitman arm. Left side double arm steering setup. Right side single arm steering setup. Drag Link/Tie Rod internal repair parts. Tie rod left end. Tie rod right end. Drag link.*





# Meeting Minutes

**January 8, 2015**

The Model "A" Club's monthly meeting was opened by the new president, Marshall Hauck. Those attending the first meeting of the new year were: John Trumbo, Randy Bunch, Bill White, Vernita Coffey, Mary Fraser, Rick and Janet Budzeck, Garry and Joanne Bryan, Jan and Mara Jackson, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Dean and Teri Hinkson, Pete and Grace Jackson and Frank and Laura Osterwyk.

The minutes from the December meeting/brunch were approved with a motion and the treasurer's report was provided by the new treasurer, Vernita Coffey.

## **Correspondence**

Mara reported a letter was received from the Walla Walla Club requesting help in the hospitality room and a raffle gift for the Northwest Regional Meet set for June 23-28. Mara volunteered to let them know we will be donating a gift basket for the raffle. The money raised for their raffle will go to the MAFCA National Youth Scholarship Award and the MAFCA Youth Restoration Award. Jan commented the Yakima Club will help us with the car games for the meet.

## **Sunshine**

A get well card for Blaine was circulated for members to sign wishing him a speedy recovery after his back surgery. Marshall told Dean it was good to see him recovered from his foot surgery.

## **Tours:**

Jan, the new vice president, passed out a list of suggested tours and tours our club has taken in the past. He encouraged members to review the list, suggest additional tours, volunteer to lead a tour and return the list to him.

## **Old Business**

Rick reminded those present that Wednesday, January 14th, has been set to sort food at 2nd Harvest from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those choosing to participate can meet at Magill's at 9:00 a.m. for a late breakfast and then proceed to 2nd Harvest.

## **Announcements**

Marshall recognized those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and thanked Tom, Robin and Mary for the refreshments.

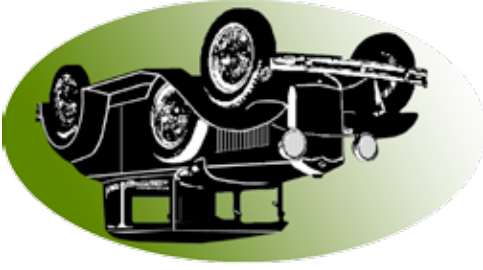
## **Projects**

Jan stated that after owning his Model A for 50 years, he finally fixed the horn. He also stated that when Mara was working at Kaiser Engineers Hanford, another employee brought in an ahooga horn and gave it to her. Jan gave the horn to Rusty Biglin and asked him to build a box around it so Jan could start/close meetings with it. Rusty built a beautiful truck completely wired. Jan stated that after tinkering with the horn for a couple of hours he finally put a couple of drops on the felt oil spacers and now the horn works fine and he'll bring it to the next meeting. John remarked that during his recent trip to Central Florida he had the privilege of enjoying lunch with members of the Orlando Area Model A Club.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**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 September 2013.)*



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