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Meeting Location:

Tom & Robin Eldhardt's House
2290 Artemis Ridge Road
West Richland, WA
February 11th, 7:00 p.m.



Calvin and Vernita Coffey are installing a new steering gear box on their 1929 Model A Ford Tudor.



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Meeting Schedule

January:	Larry & Sue Campbell
February:	Garry & Joanne Bryan
March:	Dave & Debbie Hannah
April:	Rick & Janet Budzeck
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

Message from the Ex-Prez



Last month I promised it would be my last 'Message from the Prez' column, but Bev has been snowed in at their place in Sisters, Oregon most of January and they won't be here in February...so it's good to be flexible.

First off, the 2017 calendar has three corrections: President's Day is actually on the 20th of February; Easter is April 16th; and Mother's Day is May 14th. Next year we'll ensure we use a reliable website when researching holidays for the 2018 calendar!

The monthly Model A meeting will be at Eldhardt's house on February 11th to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Because of Bev's absence we haven't put together the schedule of events for 2017; however, we're brain storming and have several events on the backs of business cards and old discarded restaurant receipts.

Jan Jackson



Ladies Lunch

The monthly ladies lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 12:30 PM, at Magills Restaurant in Pasco. If you are planning to attend please let Mara know by Monday, January 30, so she can include you in the reservation. Thank you.



Calendar of Events

Ladies Lunch	February 1
Chocolate Extravaganza	February 11
Progressive Dinner	March TBA



Birthdays

<i>Calvin Coffey</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Grace Jackson</i>	<i>19th</i>

Laura's Big Surprise

On January 13, 2017, a few of the ladies of the "A" club braved the weather challenges our dear "Mother Nature" threw at us and headed out to surprise Laura Osterwyk with a visit to her new home. Bringing some snack-type food with us, Laure hosted Janet Budzeck, Sue Campell, Robin Eldhardt, Mary Fraser, Mara Jackson and Joanne Bryan.

All present toured the interior, filled a plate with snacks and enjoyed much lively conversation. Our outing was a huge success, it surprised the socks right off of her feet.

Submitted by Joanne Bryan



Chocolate Extravaganza

The annual Valentine's Day Chocolate Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m., at Tom and Robin Eldhardt's home in West Richland. The club's February meeting has been moved to the 11th.

All 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.

When: February 11th

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Where: Eldhardt's, 967-3081 (Directions to their home will be sent via separate email)

What: Bring chocolate & wine of your choice

Why: Fellowship and tasty treats

Fashion Feature

Fashions of the Model A Ford Era

Fashion 101

Dresses for 1929 had deep neck lines and covered the wearer's knees. They came with long or short sleeves and some accentuated the waistline with a complementing belt. The top draped over the deeply pleated skirt.

Submitted by Robin Eldhardt

MAFCA NEWS

Memberships: The new MAFCA Board of Directors has set a goal to increase membership in 2017 to 17,000. To make this happen, MAFCA will provide each chapter free memberships for friends of the hobby, for those who have never been members. This program has been going for the past several years with great success. The Board members have chosen to continue the program with another spin for 2017. "We will give unlimited free memberships," stated Jay McCord, 2016 MAFCA Membership Director, in a November 25th letter to all chapters.

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

To obtain a membership application, see Mara Jackson at a future club meeting.

Membership Cards: Normally, your new MAFCA membership cards are included in the January/February issue of *The Restorer*. Unfortunately, that didn't happen this year - but the cards WILL be included in the March/April issue. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Source: MAFCA website.

Members Only Area: The 2017 credentials were announced in the January/February issue of *The Restorer* at the bottom of Page 1. For your convenience, the old credentials will also be valid until January 31. Update your notes. Or how about putting the members only username and password on the back of your MAFCA membership cards? Source: MAFCA website



NWRG Meet June 22-24

The 2017 NW Regional Meet in Coos Bay, Oregon has a web site that can be accessed by clicking on this hot link <<http://2017nwrw.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.



Restoration Projects

Model A Ford Repair & Restoration Fan Belt

Checking/maintaining the Fan Belt in a Model A Ford is one of the easier jobs we all face. The belt may be squeaking or it may have lived out its usefulness and need replacing. Like most materials made of rubber the Fan Belt has a defined life and it will begin hardening and cracking. After sitting for a long time in tension the Fan Belt can become what's called "set". Alignment of the three pulleys is critical in making your Fan Belt last a long time. This month's article will try and address these problems.

The original Fan Belts were 43" long. These belts are sometimes hard to install and some owners buy the longer 44" belts. Keeping a spare Fan Belt in the vehicle is a good idea.

CAUTION: Tightening the Fan Belt too tight (needs to be 1/2" to 3/4" belt free play) can cause the Fan Belt to wear out earlier, may damage the Water Pump bearings and/or damage the Generator bearings. Leaving the Fan Belt too loose can cause the belt to slip leading to its wearing it out quicker and squeal.

Tools/Parts Needed: Fan Belt (43" or 44" long), a bar of soap or can of spray-on type Belt Dressing, a 3/4" end wrench and 3/4" socket setup.

Squeaking Fan fix:

RUB the soap onto the inside of the Fan Belt or APPLY/SPRAY the inside of the Fan Belt with the Belt Dressing.
RUN the engine for about one minute then STOP the engine.
IF the squeak is still present then repeat steps 1 and 2 again.

Fan belt replacement:

OPEN the Hood from the Driver's side.
LOOSEN the Generator mounting bolt located under the Generator.
SWING the Generator in towards the engine block.
REMOVE the Fan Belt from the all three pulleys. You may need to jack the front of the engine to clear the engine pulley from the frame front cross member.
INSTALL the new Fan Belt over all three pulleys.
PULL the Generator away from the engine block and snug tighten the Generator mounting bolt.
CHECK the alignment of the Fan Belt to the three pulleys. No offsets or twisting of the Fan Belt is allowed.
IF the Fan Belt and the three pulleys do not line up then REMOVE the Fan Belt and fix the alignment problem.
REPEAT steps 5 – 8 as needed.
SET the Fan Belt tension to have about 1/2" to 3/4" belt free play.
FINISH tightening the Generator mounting bolt.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt

Sunshine Report

Our illustrious President Bev has been laid up for about a month with a foot fetish. Wait a minute, Mara claims it was a foot operation! Other than they've been snowed in at Sisters, the land line phone went out, the TV cable quit working along with Bev's foot, they can't get from their house to their barn where the laundry room and tractor are kept...everything else is just ducky. Their chief source of entertainment has devolved to watching the bunnies duke it out with the deer over the food Blaine scatters on their front deck. Fortunately, we live in a society that promotes heavy use of narcotics so she isn't in so much pain as just a wee bit dillierious. I talked to her this morning and she seemed perfectly normal for Bev. So, we may see her in March unless she's back to golfing by then.

Submitted by the Ex-Prez

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

There are no meeting minutes for January because we cancelled the meeting due to inclement weather. The following photo explains the dilemma. The photo was taken on January 9th, just days before the Tri-Cities received a large dumping of additional snow.

Only 1" more snow to break the Tri-Cities' record!



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.)



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