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## Meeting Location:

Reata Springs Baptist Church  
2830 Leopold Lane, Richland, WA  
January 12th, 7:00 p.m.



Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy are at Grand Coulee Dam during the light show with their 1931 Model A Ford Deluxe Roadster.



## Leadership

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## Message from the Prez



My last column. On the one hand I'm sorry to leave the post of president, on the other hand I'm looking forward to the Bev and Larry Show which starts this month. I hope when our leadership team calls and asks you to help, your answer will be a resounding, 'Yes, of course.'

## 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

When I was winterizing my Model A I discovered a flat tire, so I called Mike at Ford N More and placed an order for a new tube and a couple of new tires. I had a flat tire years ago, took it to the local Les Schwab and they really chinked up the paint job. I took three tires to the Les Schwab in Walla Walla during the 2015 NWRM and there wasn't a mark on them. The manager in Walla Walla commented the difference is because they still have the old equipment in the Walla Walla store. Proving, once again, that old is not something to throw away when it becomes tarnished. Sometimes age is a most valuable commodity. It's that way with cars, it's that way with people.

*Jan Jackson*



## Dues are Due

If you have not renewed your membership by January, you won't be included in the 2017 roster. Don't make our new treasurer chase you down! If you can't make it to the next meeting you can mail a check to Garry Bryan.

## Ladies Lunch

The ladies lunch will not be held in January. The February ladies lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 1st, at 12:30 p.m. The restaurant has not been selected yet, but that decision will be made at the January monthly meeting. Ladies, put on your thinking caps and come prepared to offer some suggestions for our new year of luncheons.



## Birthdays

<i>Bill White</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Hal Vandevord</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Mary Fraser</i>	<i>22nd</i>

## Anniversaries

<i>Jan &amp; Mara Jackson</i>	<i>31st</i>
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## Calendar of Events

Ladies Lunch	February 1
Chocolate Extravaganza	February 11

# Christmas Brunch

The Annual Christmas Brunch was held at Country Gentleman in Kennewick this year. Participants included Garry & Joanne Bryan, Rick & Janet Budzeck, Larry Campbell, Calvin & Vernita Coffey, John & Walteen Corson, Tom & Robin Eldhardt, Mary Fraser, Dave Hannah, Dean & Teri Hinkson, Jan & Mara Jackson, Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy and Alyce Thompson.

While we were waiting for brunch to arrive we had a quick meeting to ratify the election of officers. I have a feeling 2017 is going to be a lot of fun because Bev and Larry are already discussing the tour schedule culminating with a trip to Lake Chelan next fall with a side trip to Stehekin, one of Mara and mine's favorite places on Mother Earth.

Brunch was followed by a gift exchange (no Chinese were present) and Calvin was our chief garbage collector and knife wielding handyman again this year. This was a great send off for 2016 and I'm really looking forward to touring with you next year.

***Submitted by Jan Jackson***



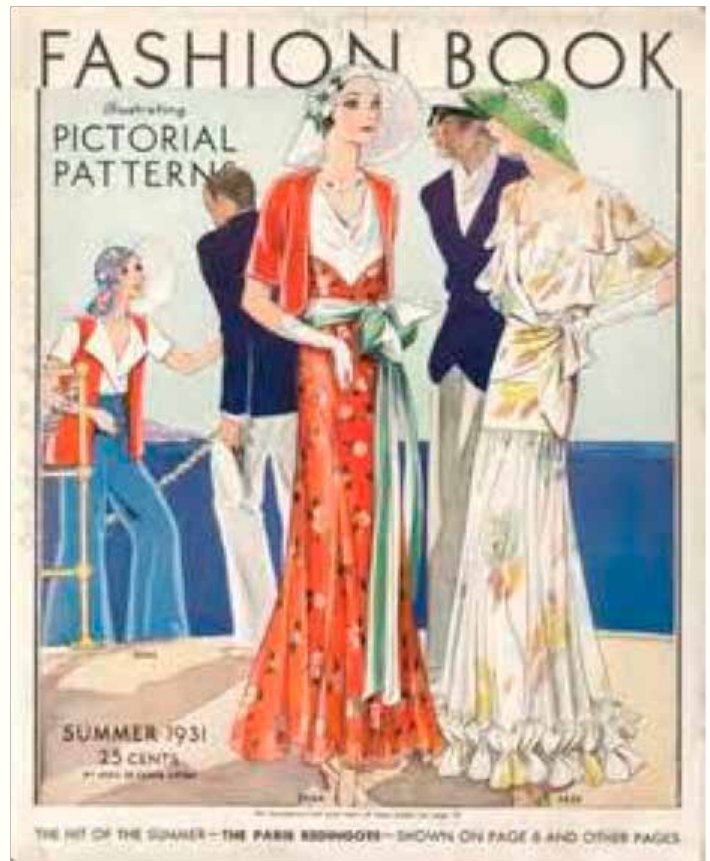
# Fashion Feature

*Fashions of the Model A Ford Era*

## Fashion 101

Start sewing now to get the dresses ready for next summer is the theme for this article, as found in the Fashion Book featuring summer of 1931 Pictorial Patterns. Looking beautiful for that romp at the beach or a day on the yacht can be had for everyone.

**Submitted by Robin Eldhardt**



## MAFCA NEWS

At the Awards Banquet in Reno, the 2017 MAFCA Board was announced: President: Happy Begg, Vice President: David White, Secretary: Kay Lee, Treasurer: Alex Janke, Chapter Coordinator: Jay McCord, Publications/PR: Doug Clayton, Membership: Garth Shearing, Advertising: Donna Lewis, and Technical: Jim Cannon.

MAFCA's newest item in the MAFCA Store is *The First 50 Years of The Restorer Magazine - Flash Drive*. The USB drive contains the first 50 years, 300 issues of *The Restorer* magazine and over 13,000 pages. If you have always wanted a complete collection of *The Restorer Magazine*, here is your opportunity. These are now in stock and ready for shipment.

## 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.

*Happy New Year*



# Restoration Projects

## Model A Ford Repair & Restoration

### Battery & Cables

Checking/maintaining the Battery's fluid level is fairly easy, but the replacement of the Battery, the Ground (+) cable and/or the Starter (-) cable can be a daunting task. Cleaning up or replacement of the battery and the cables can be a little challenging. You need to remove the front floor mat and/or carpeting, then the bottom Floorboard which is held in place by 6 screws and special cupped washers. You may need to remove the front Floorboard and its 6 screws and special cupped washers.

The following steps are written to cover simple water additions and replacement of the Battery and/or the Battery cables. Steps that are not needed may be skipped. Some owners may have installed a second Ground cable from the Frame to a Transmission Bell Housing bolt for a better ground path. Some owners spray the Battery posts with post protector spray or install post protector felt washers.

Tools Needed: Medium Flat blade screwdriver, 1/2" wrench/socket, 7/16" wrench/socket, battery terminal cleaning brush, baking soda, distilled water, Battery post protectant spray or felt washers.

#### ***Battery Maintenance:***

1. LIFT up the front floor mat/carpeting, as needed, and remove the battery access metal cover.
2. INSPECT and clean/rinse off the top of the Battery. Battery acid corrosion can be neutralized with a dilute solution of Baking soda and water. Do Not let this solution get into the cells.
3. REMOVE the three battery cell caps (6 Volt batteries).
4. FILL cells with distilled water back to the upper level indicator (molded part of battery top).
5. REINSTALL the battery cell caps.
6. REINSTALL the metal battery access cover and front floor mat/carpeting.

#### ***Battery/Cable Replacement:***

1. REMOVE the front floor mat/carpeting and Floorboards. Refer to previous newsletter article.
2. DISCONNECT the Ground (+) cable from the rear Battery post and tie it out of the way.
3. DISCONNECT the Starter (-) cable from the front Battery post and tie it out of the way.
4. REMOVE the Battery hold down corner clips/frame, nuts and washers.
5. REMOVE the Battery from the Battery box.
6. UNBOLT/REMOVE the Ground (+) cable from the Frame.
7. UNBOLT/REMOVE the Starter (-) cable from the Starter Switch terminal.
8. CLEAN the Frame area of rust/grime where the Battery Ground (+) cable lands.
9. INSTALL the Ground (+) cable back onto the Frame.
10. CLEAN the Starter Switch terminal area.
11. INSTALL the Starter (-) cable back onto the Starter Switch terminal.
12. INSTALL the new Battery into the Battery box. NOTE: Positive (+) post at rear side.
13. INSTALL the Battery hold down corner clips/frame, nuts and washers.
14. CLEAN the Starter (-) cable battery end and then INSTALL onto the Battery (-) post.
15. CLEAN the Ground (+) cable battery end and then INSTALL onto the Battery (+) post.
16. INSTALL the Floorboards and front floor mat/carpeting. Refer to previous newsletter article.

***Submitted by Tom Eldhardt***

# Meeting Minutes

**December 10, 2016**

The club members met for the monthly meeting at Country Gentleman restaurant to celebrate Christmas. A brief meeting was opened by the president Jan Jackson. The following members were in attendance: Jan and Mara Jackson, Larry Campbell, Dave Hannah, Garry and Joanne Bryan, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy, Rick and Janet Budzeck, Alyce Thompson, Calvin and Vernita Coffey, Dean and Teri Hinkson, John and Walteen Corson and Mary Fraser. The minutes from the November meeting were approved with a motion and the treasurer's report was provided by Vernita, who mentioned that she was accepting dues of \$10.00 per couple for next year.

**Correspondence:** Mara reported she received the annual chapter registration form that she will complete and return to MAFCA. Mara then read a letter sent to Jan from the MAFCA chapter coordinator recognizing our club's all-inclusive and informative newsletter. Enclosed with the letter was a framed Certificate of Merit. Joanne passed around a Christmas card from Laura Osterwyk, who is currently visiting family in Minnesota.

**Sunshine:** Dean commented that Pete Jackson had been in the hospital, but was now home. Bev will send him a get well card.

**Old Business:** Mara circulated the host/hostess sign-up sheet for 2017, as well as the petition sent around at November's meeting to give all members the opportunity to sign if they so choose. The petition from John Firth, President of the Northwest Regional Group (NWRG), would change the MAFCA by-laws to reflect future MAFCA presidents can only serve two one-year terms in a life time.

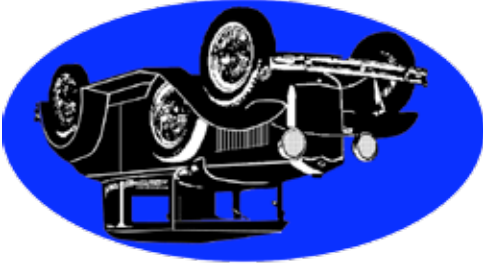
Jan provided the names of the nominated officers for 2017: Bev for president, Larry for vice president, Janet for secretary and Garry for treasurer. A voice vote approved the election of these individuals. Jan extended a thank you to each of those club members who served in 2016.

Jan recognized those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries and stated the next meeting would be on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. A Chinese gift exchange followed 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 February 2015.)*



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