

# Columbia Crier

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## Inside Features:

- Christmas Brunch
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## Meeting Location:

Reata Springs Baptist Church  
2830 Leopold Lane, Richland, WA  
January 11th, 7:00 p.m.



President Larry and Sue Campbell are on tour during the 2017 NW Regional Meet in Coos Bay, Oregon. We were looking for a suitable backdrop for calendar photos when we stumbled into the Umpqua River lighthouse. In the foreground is their 1930 Fordor Town Sedan.



## Leadership

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## Meeting Schedule

January:	Marshall & Sharon Hauck
February:	Larry & Sue Campbell
March:	Tom & Robin Eldhardt/ Mary Fraser
April:	Open
May:	Rick & Janet Budzeck
June:	John & Thora Trumbo/ Pete & Grace Jackson
July:	Club Members - Potluck
August:	Open
September:	Calvin & Vernita Coffey
October:	Jan & Mara Jackson
November:	Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy
December:	Christmas Brunch

## Larry's Lessons



As the new year starts it is time to look forward to another year of fellowship and fun.

But first, thanks to last year's officers, newsletter editors and contributors, Jan for another great calendar and event pictures, Bev and Blaine for the Christmas brunch and all those who helped with events, technical advice and help with projects and repairs to keep our cars moving.

Speaking of moving, the after Christmas ice storm reminded me of the difference in how we use the Model A now and back in the day. My A does not leave the shop if the weather is bad. I have seen videos and pictures of Model A's negotiating deep mud and snow when they were the only car a family owned. The narrow large diameter tires and high ground clearance could handle conditions that would challenge a modern SUV.

Our diverse club has people that go on overnight tours and longer day trips, others that prefer shorter drives, some that just like restoring and working on old cars, and all that enjoy the social aspect of new and old friends. It is our goal this year to have a range of outings that meet all these interests. Your ideas will help make this a year to remember.

*Larry Campbell*

## Ladies Lunch

The ladies lunch will be held on January 3rd, 12:30 PM, at The Village Bistro. The restaurant address is 5215 W. Clearwater Avenue, located in the Marineland Village. If you're planning to attend, call Vernita so she can add you to her RSVP list.

### Birthdays

*Hal Vandevord*

*19th*

*Mary Fraser*

*22nd*

### Anniversaries

*Jan & Mara Jackson*

*31st*

## Calendar of Events

The 2018 calendar of events is being developed. At this time we have the following scheduled:

Ladies Lunch	January 3rd
Ladies Lunch	February 7th



# Christmas Brunch

December 9th was our annual Christmas Brunch and Chinese Gift Exchange. We all gathered at the Meadow Springs Country Club thanks to Bev and Blaine McGillicuddy. Once the brunch was officially over Bev conducted a short meeting. Larry, Marshall, Janet and Garry were officially elected our new 2018 officers and then it was on to the Chinese Gift Exchange. There wasn't as much thievery as in years past; however, several surprises were in order and I think everyone left with a reasonable Christmas present. As always, Rick Budzeck led the gift exchange because he's the only one with a red suit....plus he does a fantastic job!

Attendees included Rick & Janet Budzeck, Larry & Sue Campbell, Calvin & Vernita Coffey, Walteen Corson & Grandson Collin, Tom & Robin Eldhardt, Mary Fraser, Jan & Mara Jackson, Pete & Grace Jackson, Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy, Laura Osterwyk, Alyce Thompson & son Harrison and John, Thora & Joy Trumbo.

**Submitted by  
Jan Jackson**





# Fashion Feature

*Fashions of the Model A Ford Era*

## Fashion 101

Getting ready for a party in the next few months? Need a new dress? The McCall Printed Pattern #5635 may be just the one you are looking for. The standard over-the-knee dress is okay, but the sheer overlay makes the dress really pop. Whether it's the sleeveless summer style or the winter's long sleeve dress, the pattern is based upon what the seamstress is looking for.

**Submitted by Robin Eldhardt**

## True or False?

T/F - The contacts in the Generator Cut-Out unit open when the Battery is fully charged.

T/F - Although the appearance of the 1928-29 and the 1930-31 Steering Wheels were different, the diameters of all Steering Wheels were the same.

T/F - The Brake Rods are used to pull the brake cam lever arms, which in turn actuates the Brake shoes.

T/F - Dome lights are only found in Fordor Sedans and Town Sedans.

T/F - The rear axle wheel bearings in the hub are lubricated via zerk fittings.

T/F - The Gas Tank filler screen was installed to keep people from filling the tank too fast.

Answers:

False - The contacts are open when the vehicle is not running and stay closed once the generator is spinning.

False - The 1928-29 steering wheels are 17-1/2" in diameter and the 1930-31 ones are 17" in diameter.

True - All brake rods pull to actuate brake levers. They would bend if they were used to push something.

False - Dome lights were also found in Coupes and the Town Car.



True - After the initial installation the grease is replenished via the grease zerk fitting.

False - The Gas Tank filler screen was installed to keep debris (leaves, etc.) out of the tank and as a spark arrester.

**Submitted by Tom Eldhardt**



# Restoration Projects

## Model A Ford Repair & Restoration – The Hood

The Hood on a Model A Ford is extremely hard to work on and get it repaired properly. Basically it is made of four pieces: two flat, louvered side panels with a rolled edge at the top and two smooth, curved top panels with a rolled edges at each side.

These four pieces are held together by three rods. Metal fatigue in the area of the rolled edges is common and it is hard to fix. Dings and dents in the panels and bent louvers are easier to fix by a qualified metal worker.

The 1928-29 Ford made vehicles had smooth top panels. The 1928-29 Briggs and Murray made vehicles had an additional stamped moulding feature on the top panels similar to all of the 1930-31 vehicles. All 1928-29 vehicles utilized the same louvered style side panels. In mid-1928 the top edge of the louvers that were parallel with the bottom edge of the side panel were changed to be parallel with the top, rolled edge of the side panel.

**Tools needed:** Rust Remover/Penetrating fluid, a flat blade screw driver, Drift Punch and drill.

**Parts needed:** Hood rod set (3 pieces).

**Hood Removal:** (This is generally a two person job) Disengage the four Hood hold down clips/latches. Raise the Hood panels on one side and remove rear Hood hinge retainer screw. Raise the Hood panels on the other side and remove rear Hood hinge retainer screw. Lift the back end of the Hood up and remove the rear Hood hinge retainer/bracket. Hold up both sides of the Hood and slide it back out of the Radiator retainer/bracket. Carefully lift the Hood up and away from the car.

**Hood Disassembly:** Soak the Hood Rods in the Rust Remover/Penetrating fluid for several days. Tap the Hood Rods out enough to grab the end with a drill motor. Clamp Hood Rod end in the drill motor chuck and slowly run it to rotate the rod. Slowly back the Hood Rod out of the Hood rolled edges.

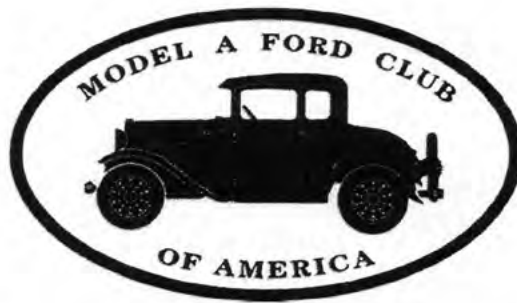
**Hood Reassembly:**  
Reinstall the Hood Rods using a drill motor.  
Reinstall the Hood in reverse steps above.

**Submitted by Tom Eldhardt**



## FREE MAFCA MEMBERSHIP

On the following page you will find an application for MAFCA membership. This is only applicable to those of you who may not be a MAFCA member yet. It is designed to be an introductory offer from MAFCA. The best part of the offer is that you'll receive MAFCA's award winning publication, *The Restorer*, and you'll be up to date on all things MAFCA, like the annual meet in Reno next year.



## Free USA Membership Application 2018

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Shipping Charges...Up to \$10.00=\$5.75 / \$10.01-\$23=\$9.85 / \$23.01-\$50.00=\$11.95 / 50.01-\$100=\$14.25			
<b>Total Purchase</b>			

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### Requirements For Free Membership

- Only families never having held membership in MAFCFA may apply for free membership
- Free membership includes The Restorer magazine from the time the application is received by the office. Past issues may be purchased at the regular price depending on availability.

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# Meeting Minutes

**December 9, 2017**

Club members attending the annual Christmas brunch at the Meadow Springs Country Club were Pete and Grace Jackson, Jan and Mara Jackson, Calvin and Vernita Coffey, Larry and Sue Campbell, Mary Fraser, Laura Osterwyk, Walteen Corson with her grandson Colin, Alyce Thompson and son Harrison, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Rick and Janet Budzeck, John, Thora and Joy Trumbo and Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy. After enjoying the delicious buffet, a short business meeting was brought to order by the outgoing president Bev. The minutes from the November meeting were approved with a motion and the treasurer's report was provided by Bev, who announced that Janet had agreed to fill in for Garry Bryan as the treasurer until his health improves.

**Correspondence:** Mara received the following correspondence:

1. Thank you from West Richland Chamber for our club's participation in the Veterans Day parade
2. Letter from the MAFCA National Convention organizers informing meet attendees about the Swap Meet
3. Invoice from MAFCA for the annual insurance
4. MAFCA chapter registration form and a free membership form for first time members

Mara also presented Jan with a 'Certificate of Merit' from MAFCA in recognition of the excellent newsletter he puts out each month. Jan thanked Tom and Robin for their restoration and fashion contributions to the newsletter.

**Sunshine:** Bev circulated a get well card for Garry and shared information on his medical condition. Jan stated when he visited Garry in the hospital he found him to be in good spirits and hoping to be discharged soon.

**Tours:** In response to Bev's request on where the women should meet in January for their monthly lunch, the Village Bistro was suggested. To enjoy lunch together, women should meet on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 12:30 p.m. Rick reported he will try and set up a food sort at 2nd Harvest for some time in January.

A round of applause was given to Jan for putting together the club calendar each year. Jan remarked there are four pictures in the calendar that were taken at the regional meet in Coos Bay, so he was going to send a calendar to Gayle Clymer, whose club hosted the meet.

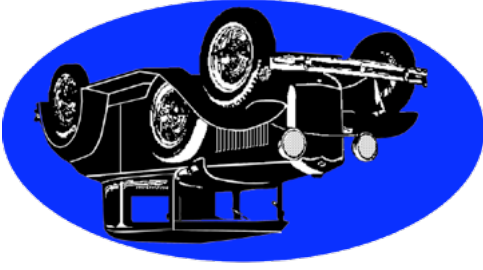
**Old Business:** Bev stated the slate of officers for next year are: President – Larry Campbell, Vice President – Marshall Hauck, Treasurer – Garry Bryan and Secretary – Janet Budzeck. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the slate as presented.

**New Business:** Mara circulated a sign-up sheet for 2018 hostesses for club meetings. Bev presented to Larry a framed 40th anniversary certificate the club received from MAFCA. The outgoing officers were thanked for serving in 2017.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting, which was followed by the Chinese gift exchange.

**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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