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## Meeting Location:

**Reata Springs Baptist Church**  
**2830 Leopold Lane, Richland, WA**  
**October 13th, 7:00 p.m.**



Dave Hannah is at Hat Rock State Park near Umatilla, Oregon during a 3-club tour pot luck. His car is a 1930 Tudor Sedan.



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## Meeting Schedule

January:	Tom & Robin Eldhardt/Mary Fraser
February:	Club Members - Chocolate
March:	Garry & Joanne Bryan
April:	Pete & Grace Jackson
May:	Larry & Sue Campbell
June:	Hosts needed
July:	Club Members - Potluck
August:	Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy
September:	Calvin & Vernita Coffey
October:	<b>Marshall &amp; Sharon Hauck</b>
November:	Jan & Mara Jackson
December:	Christmas Brunch

## Calendar of Events

<b>2nd Harvest</b>	<b>October 26</b>
<b>Veterans Day Parade</b>	<b>November 5</b>
<b>Christmas Brunch</b>	<b>December 10</b>

## Ladies Lunch

The ladies luncheon will be held on October 5th, 12:30 p.m., at Cousins Restaurant located just off Road 68 in Pasco.

## Birthdays

<b>Robin Eldhardt</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Carole White</b>	<b>16th</b>
<b>Larry Campbell</b>	<b>20th</b>
<b>John Corson</b>	<b>21st</b>

## Message from the Prez



I was looking at our latest tour schedule and counted 18 events for the year. Some parades, some short tours culminating with the 3-day tour to Grand Coulee. It takes a lot of work for a small group of people to put on these events, but I didn't want to get to the end of the year and have someone say, 'We never do anything.'

My favorite event this past year was the 5-club tour which included Pendleton, Spokane, Walla Walla, Yakima and our club. I had a great time and I hope all those in attendance experienced the same awe as I did when I walked into B Reactor and saw the face of the reactor core. Having contacts at Venezia and the Hanford House really paid off with private dining and a magnificent view of the Columbia River.

The only event Mara and I missed was the national convention in Loveland, Colorado. We reserved our room early, but registered for the event late and lost our opportunity to experience another national event.

Speaking of meets, if you're going to Coos Bay next year, you need to register first and then they will send a confirmation along with a 'key word' to give the host hotel when you call to make the room reservations. Marshall & Sharon are coming up with some additional events to tag on to the NWRM in Coos Bay so it will be a fun event you won't want to miss.

As I was walking from the shop to our house a few minutes ago I could hear the Sandhill Cranes chortling overhead. I couldn't see them because they fly so high and I muttered under my breath, 'See you next year!'

*Jan Jackson*

## 2nd Harvest

We will meet at 2nd Harvest at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26th, and sort product until noon.

After sorting we will gather at the Pasco Country Mercantile for lunch and ice cream.



# Grand Coulee Tour

Now, when I say I had bad gas, it wasn't from La Presa Mexican Restaurant. And, I would like to further add that it was all Marshall's and Sharon's fault.

The tour to Grand Coulee started off on Friday with a leisurely drive to Othello where we ate lunch at Ironworks Cafe. We've only been there twice, but it's a great place to eat and the owner is a real sweetheart. We ambled north up Highway 17 to Moses Lake where, I think, Blaine and I picked up some bad petrol. But that's a minor inconvenience compared to what happened next.

We drove past Soap Lake, Lenore Lake, Blue Lake and stopped at a rest area at Park Lake. We left the rest area and were about a mile down the road when Mara asked, 'Is anyone behind you?' I looked in my rear view mirror and holy cow, no one was behind me! So, we turned around and found a bunch of Model A's looking at Hauck's back wheel. The engine was running, the speedometer was working, but the back wheels weren't moving. So, we loaded the car on Eldhardt's trailer and headed for Grand Coulee after stopping at Dry Falls to see if there was any water coming over the rim. Nope, it's still dry!

After having a really great meal at La Presa, the McGillicuddys, Mara and I spent a couple of hours shooting their calendar shot with the light show of the dam in the background. Saturday morning we toured the dam and learned about how much water is coming down the pike. It has three generating stations and the newest one has the equivalent of two Colorado Rivers coming through its turbines. Pretty amazing structure that sends power to Canada and California as well as Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Our next excursion was to take us to Chief Joseph's grave site at Nespelem. However, McGillicuddy's Model A developed a bucking snorting problem so we exchanged carburetors and that didn't solve the problem. We nursed it back to the motel in Grand Coulee and after an hour of misdiagnoses I took off the fuel line, blew until I heard bubbles in the gas tank and the car ran flawlessly all the way home. Did I mention that Blaine had bad gas? In the mean time, Marshall took off his Model A's left rear wheel (still on the trailer) and discovered the axle had sheared off. Now that's a problem that's going to hang around for a few months.

We had a great dinner at Pepper Jack Bar & Grill, watched the light show again and retired for the evening. Sunday morning we enjoyed breakfast at Flo's Cafe, which was a great place for breakfast. When we were leaving the cafe to walk back to our cars there were a couple of guys leaning on their fence admiring our cars so I walked over and struck up a conversation. One of them said, 'Let me show you something.' So we went around the corner, down in back of his place to his shop and Holy Carpe Diem, there's a yard full of old rusty cars. He had a Rolls Royce, Hudsons, Kaisers, Packards and a gaggle of other less common autos. He opened his shop and there was a 1926 Essex Super Six Boattail Speedster! Next to it was a Hudson Terraplane. What a surprise to find these cars in Grand Coulee.

After breakfast we checked out and headed south. The car guys in Grand Coulee told us about a place that sold ethanol free gas in Electric City so we stopped at the marina and gassed up. We had an uneventful and pleasant cruise into Moses Lake where we had another great meal and then stopped in Othello for a final fuel fill-up. When I tried to start my Sport Coupe it started bucking and snorting (sound familiar) so I just took off the fuel line, gave it a good blow and we didn't experience any other problems all the way home.

So, we took four cars, two of which had minor problems and one with a major problem, but thanks to Tom and Robin we made it back safe and sound. All the cars are in their homes and that's what makes memories. If you have any experience with axles and differentials, give Marshall a call. Congratulations to the Budzecks for not having a car issue, and it really wasn't Marshall's and Sharon's fault that Blaine and I had bad gas.

**Submitted by Jan Jackson**



# States Day Parade

The sun was shining on Prosser when we arrived to take part in the States Day Parade on Labor Day.

The group photo to the right shows the Eldhardts, J. Jacksons, McGillicuddys and Budzecks posing for Rick's camera which was in the hands of Tim Mason from the Yakima Apple Valley A's. Where was Mary Fraser? I'd guess she was wandering around talking with her former students and Prosser friends when the photo was snapped.

After the parade we ate lunch with our buddies from Yakima, which is always the highlight of the trip for me.

Mara and I brought back an F-100 steering box from Tim and passed it off to Calvin who is planning on restoring and placing it in his Model A.

*Submitted by Jan Jackson*



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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!





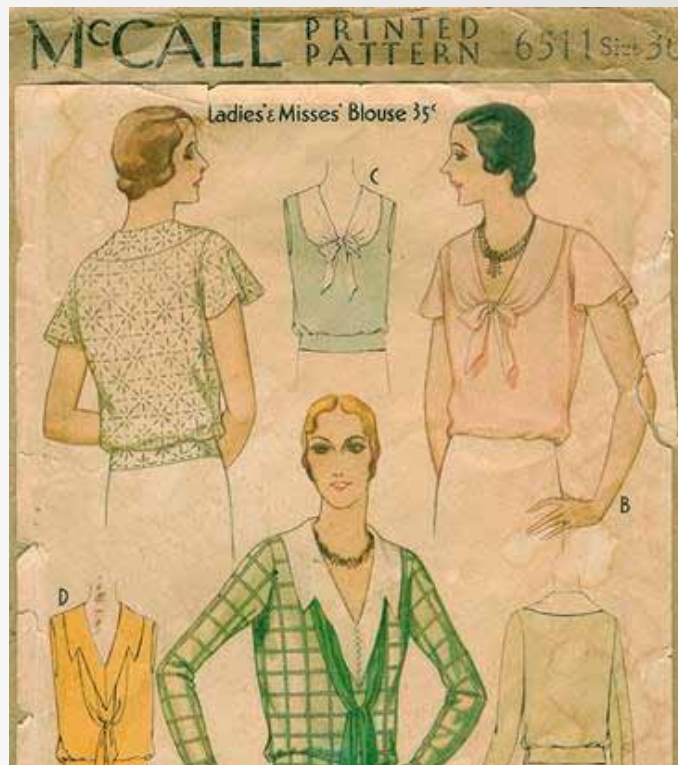
# Fashion Feature

*Fashions of the Model A Ford Era*

## Fashion 101

McCall's Printed Pattern #6511 was used by the seamstress who already made a skirt, but was now looking for an accompanying blouse. Four styles of easily sewn blouses are pictured on this cover. A short sleeve or sleeveless version for spring and warm, summer weather could be made. A wrist length, long sleeve version pattern was available for those cooler fall and winter months. The seamstress also had a choice of either a long or short collar line.

**Submitted by Robin Eldhardt**



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## MAFCA NEWS

The long awaited Revision 4 of the Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards has been announced, with shipping starting in October. The Standards are a collaboration of both MAFCA and MARC and are the definitive guidelines for restoring a Model A Ford to factory original.

Revision 4 was a huge effort. Sixteen of the judging areas were rewritten. The new Guidelines is 2.5 times larger, 330 pages as opposed to the original 135 pages. Many new photos have been added as well. It will be available as a complete volume for \$55 or just the Revision 4 update that you can add to your existing Standards for \$30, both plus shipping.

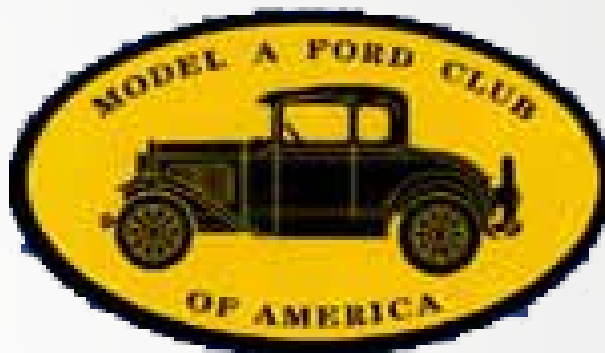
To order online go to the MAFCA web site at [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com). To order by phone, contact MAFCA Headquarters (562) 697-2712 Monday - Friday from 10AM to 4PM Pacific time.

### Youth Newsletter Moves to Online Only

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Editor, *A-World*

At the last MAFCA Board of Directors meeting a difficult decision was reached regarding *A-World*. Due to the rising costs of publication and mailing, it was determined that *A-World* would become a web based publication only. The newest copy can always be found online at: <http://mafca.com//aworld.html>.

While I'm sorry to see the direct mailings discontinued, the plus side is that on the web, the issues will be in full color! If you'd like a copy sent directly to you via e-mail, just send a note to me at [AWorldEditor@hotmail.com](mailto:AWorldEditor@hotmail.com) and I'll put you on my e-mail mailing list!



# Restoration Projects

## Model A Ford Repair & Restoration

### Floor Boards

Removing those pesky Floorboards can be a challenge for one person. They are covered up by the front floor mat or carpeting and are held in place by 12 screws and special cupped washers, six in each of the two Floorboards. Replacement of the Battery will require removal of at least one of these Floorboards.

Tools Needed: Medium Flat blade screwdriver, tack remover and a tack hammer.

#### **Floorboard Removal:**

NOTE: The following steps may be together or out of order as the worker desires. Be careful to not damage any interior fabric or materials. Some steps may not apply to your vehicle such as the Early 1928 bottom Floorboard had a round hole for the Transmission Gear Shift Tower and no cover plate.

1. REMOVE the Gas Pedal button.
2. REMOVE the front floor mat or carpeting. (Two people recommended.)
3. REMOVE the Gear Shift Knob.
4. REMOVE the Gear Shift rubber boot.
5. REMOVE the Emergency Brake handle rubber boot.
6. REMOVE the Transmission/Emergency Brake metal cover plate.
7. REMOVE the Steering Column, Clutch pedal and Brake pedal metal floor cover assembly.
8. REMOVE the felt pads associated with column and pedal floor cover assembly.
9. REMOVE the 6 Floorboard screws for the bottom Floorboard.
10. REMOVE the 6 Floorboard screws for the slanted Floorboard.
11. REMOVE the Battery access cover plate.
12. LIFT out the slanted Firewall Floorboard.
13. LIFT out the bottom Floorboard.

#### **Floorboard Refurbish:**

1. CHECK the condition of the Floorboards and metal braces/brackets and repair, as needed.
2. MAKE/BUY new Floorboards, if needed. Either hardwood boards or plywood is acceptable.
3. PAINT the Floorboards Black.
4. INSTALL the felt dust guard/weather strip around the Floorboard bottom edge with tacks.

#### **Floorboard Installation:**

1. INSTALL the Floorboards and other items in the reverse order of removal steps listed above.

***Submitted by Tom Eldhardt***

# Meeting Minutes

**September 8th, 2016**

The monthly meeting was opened by president Jan Jackson with the following members in attendance: Garry Bryan, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Mara Jackson, Blaine McGillicuddy, Calvin and Vernita Coffey, Pete and Grace Jackson and Rick and Janet Budzeck. The minutes from the August meeting were approved as posted and Vernita provided the treasurer's report.

**Correspondence:** Mara received an invitation to the Enduring A's annual swap meet in Albany, Oregon on Saturday, November 11th, and an e-mail from members of the Spokane club thanking us for the great 5-club tour.

**Tours:** Jan provided a synopsis on the success of the 5-club tour and thanked Mary Fraser in absentia for organizing the joint lunch with the Yakima club after the Prosser States Day parade. Just for information, Saturday, September 10th, is International Model A Day.

For the upcoming tour to Grand Coulee set for Friday, September 23rd, through Sunday, September 25th, Jan stated those going on the tour should meet at the Bank of Eastern Washington on Road 68 in Pasco at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, October 1st, members will meet at the Red Lion in Pasco at 10:00 a.m. for the Manifold Destiny tour. Vernita had lucky number 13 and won the "Hotdogger IV" cooking unit donated by Blaine and Bev, which she then gave to Jan since he has a running Model A.

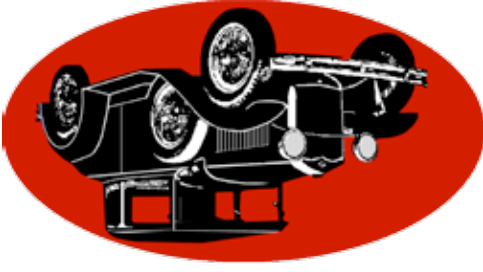
**New Business:** Jan reported the club purchased name tags from MAFCA and they will be handed out at the next meeting on October 13th. He also remarked the pictures on our calendar were sent to Rick Black with MAFCA for the web site's 'A of the Day' section.

**Projects:** Calvin continues to work on his Model A steering.

Jan recognized those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries and thanked Calvin and Vernita for providing the refreshments.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

**Respectfully submitted by Janet Budzeck, Secretary**



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