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## Meeting Location:

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



Dave and Debbi Hannah are in Richland, Washington with their 1930 Model A Ford Tudor Sedan.



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## Meeting Schedule

January:	Larry & Sue Campbell
February:	Garry & Joanne Bryan
March:	Dave & Debbi Hannah
April:	Rick & Janet Budzeck
May:	Tom & Robin Eldhardt
June:	Club Birthday Party
July:	4th of July Potluck
August:	Bev & Blaine McGillicuddy
September:	Calvin & Vernita Coffey
October:	Jan & Mara Jackson
November:	Marshall & Sharon Hauck
December:	Christmas Brunch

## Club Events

Manifold Tour	Canceled
Veterans Day Parade	November 11
Christmas Brunch	December 10

### Birthdays

*Robin Eldhardt*  
*Larry Campbell*

*3rd*  
*20th*

### Ladies Lunch

The October ladies lunch is Wednesday, October 4, at 12:30 PM. We'll meet at Italiano's in West Richland. Please let Mara know by noon on Tuesday, October 2, if you plan to attend.

## Bev's Blarney

We are all so proud to be able to have called John Corson our friend and fellow Model "A"er. The memorial service last Friday really told it all - he was so loved and respected by everyone.



As I opened the refrigerator door this morning the 1929 magnet strip caught my eye and made me think of all the changes John must have seen over his 95 years. I think John must have been around 7 years old when the pertinent costs were: a new Model A was \$450.00, the average income was \$2,062.00, a loaf of bread \$09, a gallon of gas \$.12 and a gallon of milk \$.58. The Dow Jones was only 311 and, of course, Herbert Hoover was president. I doubt if John would have paid any attention or cared about the costs, but I bet his folks sure did and then came the depression. WOW!

The four Model "A"s belonging to Janet and Rick, Teri and Dean, Tom and Mara and Jan looked just perfect parked right in front of the church entrance with Budzeck's and Hinkson's signs identifying John and Walteen as the previous owners. I'm sure John was up there smiling down on that scene.

My special memory of John was he always looked me straight in the eye and said "you stay out of trouble now" and then came a big smile. Our club's special memories of John are many and happy too. In closing, I'm sure you know Walteen we love you, we are there for you and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

## Bev McGillicuddy



# Labor Day Parade

The Columbia Basin Model A Club participated in the Prosser Labor Day Parade on September 4th. Members included Rick and Janet Budzeck, Calvin and Vernita Coffey, Mary Fraser, Marshall and Sharon Hauck and Jan and Mara Jackson. After winding our way through a throng of wildly cheering spectators we finally found a short cut out of Prosser without going through the parade route a second time.

We returned to Richland via the Old Inland Empire Highway and met Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy for lunch at Bob's at Queensgate. It's always fun to have Mary in our rumble seat because so many of her former Prosser students are waving madly trying to get her attention.

The Yakima Apple A's had four or five cars and the Sunnyside Lower Valley A's had several Model A's participating in the parade.

Another fun event in the record book.

**Submitted by  
Jan Jackson**

*Photo by Ed  
Buschini, Apple  
Valley A's*



## Fashion 101

Fashionable girl's cool weather coats and hats can be made by the average seamstress without too much effort, as is depicted in the McCall's Printer Pattern #5874 from 1929.

Fabric colors and whether there are coat pockets are left to person's imagination. Fastening the coat closed can be done with the typical button/button-hole style or with the more elegant button/button-flap design. An adorable, matching hat can be made using extra fabric material.

**Submitted by Robin Eldhardt**



# In Memory: John Corson



John Corson, pictured above with his wife Walteen, passed away on Tuesday, September 19th. John's memorial service was held Friday, September 29th, in Richland, Washington. A reception was held after the memorial. As is the custom of the club, Model A members drove their A's to the funeral to honor both John and Walteen. Two of the cars were previously owned by the Corsons.

In an interview for the club's newsletter in February 2000, we learned John arrived in the Tri-Cities in 1943. He worked for DuPont as an automotive maintenance shop foreman. A few years later, he and Walteen met each other and began farming in the Columbia Basin. Wheat, corn and potatoes were the main crops. John enjoyed working with wood and built several projects such as playhouses, a John Deere bedframe, and a ferris wheel for his grandchildren.

He also had a large interest in old cars and was always willing and eager to teach and share his knowledge of Model A's. John was a member of the Columbia Basin Model A Club for many years and will be missed by club and community members.

# MAFCA NEWS

**2018 National Convention:** The registration package has been released and it is available on the MAFCA web site. In this package is information about making hotel reservations at the exceptionally low Convention rate of \$79 per night. If you would rather bring your RV, there is information about RV parks.

Learn about the Welcome Party (All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Buffet), self-guided tours to some of the area's most exciting sites, bus tours to Lake Tahoe cruises, visits to some historic sites. The grand tour will be special with a unique destination and entertainment during your lunch stop. Vehicle judging, fashion judging and many more traditional events will be included. Your week will be capped off with a fantastic Award Banquet. In the end you will have made many new friends, visited with cherished long-time friends, and made memories that will last a lifetime. **Update: We are sorry to tell you that the Fallon Naval Air Station bus tours are BOTH FULL. Extra tours may be added and a waiting list has been established.**



Don't wait. Get your registration forms in right away. We look forward to seeing you next June. "Check your timing and advance to Sparks." (Article obtained from the MAFCA web site)

**MAFFI Newsletter Minute:** It will be a challenge to top this year's Model A Day! With over 120 Model A's attending we were grateful to be able to view a number of very rare and unique Model A's brought to our museum by hobbyists from many parts of the country. You know you are in special company when you are looking at "1 of only 2 existing in the world". But that's what Model A Day brings to our hobby...an opportunity to meet and exchange information with other hobbyists and to explore rare items and exhibits associated with the Model A.

Model A Day also offered us the opportunity to welcome Larry Wallace, Ross Milne and Tom Mack as new trustees carrying on our tradition of bringing in new talent each year to help us make MAFFI and our museum the bet experience for our hobby. We also welcome Olle Bergstrom as our newly installed International Liaison who will help promote MAFFI in Europe as well as provide information about the European Model A and operations.

To all in attendance this year's Model A Day, we're glad you came and hope you really enjoyed this special weekend! If you weren't able to attend this year, join us in 2018. Yes it will be a challenge to top 2017, but we're working on something great for next year.

John Begg, MAFFI President

*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.)*

# Restoration Projects

## Model A Ford Repair & Restoration – Main Wiring Harness

Having problems with electrical components not working correctly? The problem may be either the component, loose wiring connections or the wire(s) in the associated wiring harness. This article will address the wire connections and wires in the wiring harness. There is one Main wiring harness and several sub-wiring wires and harnesses. Wiring harnesses are held to the vehicle frame with Frame Rail clips or brackets and to the engine block with a bracket. Wires will have either ring terminals or bullet end terminals for making connections. Single wire wiring and Multiple wiring harnesses will be covered in future articles.

### **Main wiring harness**

It contains wires that run from the Light Switch Body to the Headlight buckets, Horn, Generator, Stop Light switch and to the Taillights. Vehicles with Cowl Lights also have additional wires in the harness for connection to the Cowl Light crossover wiring harness.

**Tools Needed:** Flat blade screw driver.

**Parts Needed:** Wiring harness (as needed).

**CAUTION:** The Battery cable or the Safety Fuse should be pulled during wire/wiring removal and replacement to prevent shorting wires to ground. Note color and their location/position of wires during removal and reinstallation.

### **Main Wiring Harness Removal/Replacement:**

VERIFY that the Battery cable is disconnected or the Safety Fuse was pulled.  
DISCONNECT wiring harness at Left Headlight bucket and pull out of the flex conduit.  
DISCONNECT wiring harness at Right Headlight bucket and pull out of the flex conduit.  
RELEASE wiring to Right Headlight from two clips at bottom/back of Radiator.  
DISCONNECT Yellow wire at Horn.  
DISCONNECT Blue w/Yellow tracer wire at Horn and pull wires out of the flex conduit.  
DISCONNECT Yellow wires (2 wires w/common lug) at Generator Cut Out terminal.  
REMOVE Frame wiring harness bracket near Generator.  
DISCONNECT Black wire at the Taillight. (Running light wire)  
DISCONNECT Green wire at the Taillight. (Stop light wire)  
REMOVE Frame Rail clips/brackets from Taillights forward on frame.  
DISCONNECT both Green wires ran to the Stop Light Switch.  
REMOVE the Light Switch body located at the bottom of the Steering Column.  
PULL wiring harness out of the Light Switch body.  
REPLACE wiring harness in reverse step order from above.

### **Final Job wrap up:**

Make sure that all wiring connections are tight and that the Frame Rail wire clips and brackets have been properly installed to prevent chafing of wires.

**Submitted by Tom Eldhardt**

# Meeting Minutes

**September 14, 2017**

The monthly meeting was opened by the president Bev McGillicuddy and attended by Blaine McGillicuddy, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Joanne Bryan, Jan and Mara Jackson, Bruce Clark, Rick and Janet Budzeck, Dave Hannah, Calvin and Vernita Coffey and Larry and Sue Campbell. The minutes from the August meeting were approved with a motion and the treasurer's report was provided by Joanne.

**Correspondence:** Mara received an invitation for our club members to attend the Enduring A's Swap Meet in Albany, Oregon on Saturday, November 18th.

**Sunshine:** Bev circulated a birthday card for John Corson, who will turn 95 years young next month. She also mentioned it was good to see Larry wearing both shoes since his surgery.

**Tours:** Jan gave a report on the highlights of the Baker City/LaGrande tour he and Mara participated in. Comments were then shared from those attending the States Day Parade in Prosser. Vernita remarked that she will get more information on possibly having our club participate next year in the Fall Harvest Days parade in Connell, which is the second weekend in September each year.

Those present decided it would be fun to go on a "Manifold Destiny" tour to Waitsburg on Friday, September 29th. Each attendee would provide their own meal. Jan suggested cooking the meat prior to the tour to make sure it is done. After we enjoy lunch cooked on the car's manifold, those participating will proceed to Herb Mettler's home for a tour of his cars and garage. (This tour was cancelled so club members could attend the funeral for John Corson, who passed away on Tuesday, September 19th.)

Bev suggested club members might want to enjoy dinner and a play sometime in October. Larry will check into what plays are being offered. Rick shared the idea that in the future our club might want to bring canned goods to the meetings each month instead of doing the food sort at 2nd Harvest. Additional input on this idea will take place at the next club meeting.

For the National Meet in Sparks, Nevada members were encouraged to get their registrations sent in as tour buses were filling up fast. Mara reported the bus tour to the Naval base was already full, but they are trying to obtain permission from the Navy to have another bus and secure the services of another docent.

**Old Business:** Jan mentioned he would like members to contact him if you haven't already had your picture taken for next year's calendar.

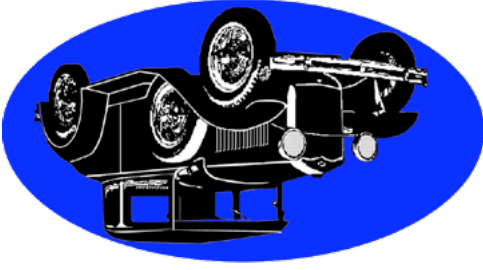
**New Business:** Jan circulated a list he put together of members expertise in particular repair categories and asked those present to look at the list and either add or delete their name where they felt they could help.

**Announcements:** Bev recognized those members celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries and thanked Calvin and Vernita for providing the refreshments for tonight.

**Projects:** Jan stated he replaced the horn on Blaine and Bev's car, only to realize after installing the new horn that the problem was a couple of loose washers jammed into the rotor.

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

**Respectfully submitted by Janet Budzeck.**



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