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**Meeting Schedule**

January: Breakfast meeting
February: Meeting canceled
March: Club Members - Chocolate Breakfast meeting
April: Tom & Robin Eldhardt/Mary Fraser
May: Blaine & Bev McGillicuddy
June: Club Members - Potluck
July: Calvin & Vernita Coffey
August: Jan & Mara Jackson
September: Marshall & Sharon Hauck
October: Christmas Brunch

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**Calendar of Events**

Northwest Regional Group Mtg April 6
Albany Invitational April 11-13
Club Birthday - #49! June 7
NWRG Meet - Bellevue, WA August 22-25
States Day Parade September 2
Smooth Rider Tour September 19-22
International Model A Day September
Canyonlands National Tour October 7-11
Veterans Day Parade November 9

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**Birthdays**

Becky Vandevord 3rd
Joanne Bryan 4th
Dave Hannah 12th

**Anniversaries**

Pete & Grace Jackson 5th
Rick & Janet Budzeck 6th
Tom & Robin Eldhardt 16th

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**Marshall Hauck**

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**Ladies Lunch**

The ladies lunch will be held on April 3rd, 12:30 p.m., at Frost Me Sweet on The Parkway in Richland.

Please let Mary know if you’re planning to attend by Saturday, March 30, so you can be included in the reservation. Her phone number is 946-9850.
Chocolate Extravaganza

The annual Valentine’s Day Chocolate Extravaganza was cancelled on Valentine’s Day due to inclement weather. What? You can’t cancel a wine and chocolate event just because you have four feet of snow in your driveway! But, alas, it was postponed to March 14th and held at Rick and Janet Budzeck’s home in Richland.

Marshall brought the March meeting to order, we dallied through the old business, new business, tour business and monkey business and finally got to the wine and chocolate at around 8:00 PM.

Was it worth the wait? Absolutely! Some things are a perfect match: Rodgers and Astair, Ball and Arnaz, Hepburn and Bogart...you get my gist. What could be better than wine, chocolate and some Model A chatter? Not much.

Attendees included Rick and Janet Budzeck, Larry and Sue Campbell, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Mary Fraser, Marshall and Sharon Hauck, Jan and Mara Jackson and Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy.

Submitted by Jan Jackson

Photo to the right shows ExPrez, Larry, going for the chocolate with gusto!

Happy Easter!

New Member, Mike McInnis

Mike and his wife, Jeanette, recently joined the Columbia Basin Model A Club. Mike and Joe Kresse, from La Grande, Oregon, organized a tour that Mara and I attended along the Oregon Trail. It was great fun touring with the Pendleton, La Grande and Walla Walla A’s and getting to know our Model A friends better.

We welcome Mike and Jeanette and hope we can tour together many times in the future!

Submitted by Jan Jackson
Albany Tour

Here are the highlights of the Albany Tour that Rick and Janet Budzeck have masterminded:

• Leave the HAPO (flashcube) building at 9 AM on Thursday April 11th
• Stop at rest areas in Boardman and The Dalles
• Have lunch at Woodburn outlet mall between 1 & 2 PM and leave there before 4 PM
• Arrive at the Best Western Motel in Albany between 5 – 6 PM, Phone (541) 928-5050
• Dinner at Cascade Grill
• Leave Friday morning at 9 AM for a tour of a radiator plant
• Pizza for lunch
• Arrive at Red Barn after lunch
• Tour a car collection and a company that converts internal combustion engines to electric
• Dinner place is to be determined
• Leave Albany after breakfast on the 13th and head for home

Some members of the Enduring A's Model A Club may join us for some or all of this tour. If you have any questions, or are planning on touring, call Rick Budzeck so we won't leave without you.

Submitted by Jan Jackson

Smooth Rider Tour

Steve Plucker from the Walla Walla Sweet A's is organizing a tour to Joseph, Oregon on September 19 – 22nd. This isn't a tour through the mountains on dirt roads and mountain goat trails. There will be no trudging through swamps, crossing rivers and sleeping in tents like Jack Remillard's Rough Rider Tour. No siree, this tour is a Smooth Rider Tour full of pavement, gas stations and motels. All the comforts of home.

If you’re interested you can email Steve at pif@bmi.net. He’ll send you an itinerary and a registration form that’s due by September 10th. Steve is putting a lot of thought and work into this tour and it looks to be a great way to see some of God’s country, meet new and old Model A friends and have another Model A adventure.

Sunshine

Our Sunshine girl, Bev McGillicuddy, has undergone knee surgery and has been layed up for the past couple of weeks. Feel free to call Bev, she’s somewhat immobile and could use some cheering up because Blaine has been cooking the meals! She’s been very steadfast in attending physical therapy classes so she should be up and back to golfing in the next few months. Which reminds me of a song by Bill Withers I remember from the 70’s:

Ain't no sunshine when she's gone
It's not warm when she's away
Ain't no sunshine when she's gone
And she's always gone too long
Anytime she goes away.
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- Rear engine motor mount bracket to Frame
- Muffler rear pipe to Frame
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- Radiator to Frame
- Steering box to Frame
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Fashion Feature
Fashions of the Model A Ford Era

Fashion 101
Need a fashionable skirt to go with your favorite blouse or top? McCall Printed Pattern #6112 may be just the thing you are looking for. The tie-back straps remove the need for a separate belt. The style line of the dress can be sewn left hip high or with right hip high. This pattern works well with either solid colored or patterned materials.

Submitted by Robin Eldhardt

True or False?
Questions
1. Sedans and 5-window Coupes came with a roll down rear window curtain.
2. The Horn Adjustment screw pushes against the Horn motor shaft to vary the Horn sound.
3. All of the oval speedometers came with a resettable “Trip Odometer” section.
4. There are three different wiring harnesses. (One for the early 1928 vehicles, one for the Twolite headlights with two separate bulbs and one for the Twolite headlights with a single bulb and a separate cowl light setup)
5. The 19” wheels made for a 1930-31 vehicle can be put on a late 1928-29 vehicles, but not on an Early 1928 vehicle.
6. Front Brake shoes are mounted Horizontal.
7. Sun Visors on 1928-29 Closed cars and pickups were fabric covered.

Answers
1. True: These were installed to block harsh sunlight, but they also blocked the inside rear view mirror from being used.
2. True: This screw pressed down on the motor shaft which in turn pushed down on the diaphragm ratchet (waffle shaped) which road on the diaphragm center pin.
3. False: There were some oval speedometers manufactured starting in June 1929 by Northern that did not have a resettable trip mechanism installed.
4. True: One for the 1928 – early 1929 vehicles with the single two-filament headlight bulb mounted through the reflector for Parking & High beam lights. One for the late 1929 – 31 vehicle Twolite headlights with two bulbs mounted through the reflector: a two-filament bulb for Low beam and High beam and a single filament bulb for Parking lights. One for the late 1929 – 31 vehicle Twolite headlights with separate cowl lights. One two-filament bulb for Low beam and High beam mounted through the reflector.
5. True: The 21” wheels (Late 1928-29) and 19” wheels (1930-31) with the 1-3/8” inner wheel hub flange will both fit onto the hubs of the vehicles set up for separate Service and Emergency brake systems. The 21” wheels (Early 1928) with the 1-3/16” inner wheel hub flange will only fit the common Service and Emergency brake system.
6. False: The front brake shoes are mounted Vertical. The front brake Operating Pin travels through the center of the Spindle bolt (King Pin) and pushes the brake operating wedge down, spreading the shoes apart.
7. True: The sun visors for 1928 Closed cars and pickups had a fabric cover stretched over an internal metal frame work.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt
MAFCA News

President's Message:
Doug Clayton, 2019 MAFCA President

The heartbeat of MAFCA is heard in the club meetings of more than 285 chapters. Like the majority of MAFCA members, I belong to a local chapter of MAFCA, the Delta A's in Stockton, California. It's a small chapter with a cadre of longtime members who enjoy each other's company and are willing to help each other with the fun of old car ownership. Over the past few years we have continued to slowly increase in size and our monthly meetings are well attended (naturally with lots of good food).

So, I have often wondered about other MAFCA Chapters – are they the same as the Delta A's? What is it about the Model A Ford that attracts members?

Last weekend, Debbie and I got a little insight into those questions. We received a special invitation from the Capitol As' chapter in Sacramento, California to attend a “Diamond Jubilee” celebration of their 60 years as a MAFCA chapter – the second oldest chapter in the state! This turned out to be a fantastic, extremely well planned event. Many members attended in Era Fashion outfits and were clearly enjoying seeing/visiting with each other. We were greeted warmly and met new members as well as some that we have known for many years. I felt honored to present the club President, Dennis Martin, with a certificate from MAFCA in recognition of their 60 years as a chapter.

In reflecting on the event, I concluded that the Capital A's meeting were very much the same as Delta A’s meetings – it was a lot of FUN! Good fellowship, great food and a warm inviting atmosphere. In addition, they were adding new members just like our club. Some of the new members have joined within the past couple of years and many had joined within the last 10 years. It was remarkable how well the club has divided up the routine tasks that keep the club going. A large number of the members have taken on leadership roles in planning and executing their events. Thus, the burden of organizing events is spread out and not dependent of the hard work of a few. I came away with a great admiration for the Capital A's chapter!

My theory about why the Model A Ford attracts new members is this: we are the descendants of the people that drove these cars during the darkest days of the depression. As such, we are self-reliant and willing to support our fellow members. Most of all, we get together to have FUN!!!

MAFCA members that have not yet joined a local chapter are missing out of the terrific benefits. If you do not live near a chapter, get together with others and start one!

Call for Nominees for MAFCA Board: The March/April Restorer has a call for nominees to run for MAFCA Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 term. Questions often arise on what is expected of a Board member. For clarification, the Directors have created a document called “What Can I Expect If Elected.” You’ll find a link to that document on the Elections Page. If you still have questions, contact Membership @ mafca.com

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. The US yearly membership rate is $50.00. 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.)
Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019

The March meeting was held at the home of Rick and Janet Budzeck for a ‘Chocolate Extravaganza’ and was attended by Blaine and Bev McGillicuddy, Tom and Robin Eldhardt, Jan and Mara Jackson, Larry and Sue Campbell, Marshall and Sharon Hauck and Mary Fraser. Marshall opened the meeting, after which a motion was made, seconded and passed approving the January minutes (due to snowy weather, there was no February meeting) and the treasurer’s report was provided by Mary.

Correspondence: Mara reported on the following:
- Invitation from Kiona-Benton All School Reunion to attend their Show and Shine Car Show and picnic set for Sunday, May 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Letter from the Evergreen “A’s” asking for a raffle donation for the upcoming Regional Meet in Bellevue.
- Letter from Steve Plucker inviting our club to participate in his four day Model “A” tour set for September 19-22, 2019.
- A flyer from the Pasadena High School Model “A” Ford Club letting our club know about the 1929 Ford Roadster their club is restoring and will be raffling off on April 20, 2019. (Contact Jan or Mara for additional information.)
- Flyer advertising the Can-Am Model “A” Reliability Run to Mt. Hood set for Saturday, July 20th.
- Flyer informing our club about the Walla Walla Tractor and Power Farming Demonstration set for April 23rd - 25th and the 100th anniversary of the Tractor Expo set for August 17th.

Mary commented on a letter she received from Rusty Biglin informing her that his son, Mike, had passed away.

Sunshine: Bev stated she sent a sympathy card to Rusty Biglin in the death of his son and a sympathy card to Jan and Mara for the passing of Jan’s mother, Nellie. Bev also reported Joanne Bryan’s health conditions have improved greatly, but a visit to a doctor in Spokane will provide additional information.

Tours: Rick provided information on the tour he is planning to Albany, Oregon with invaluable help from Martin Harding with the Enduring A’s. Plans are to leave on Thursday, April 11th, from the Flashcube building at 9:00 a.m. for the drive to Albany and return on Saturday, April 13th. He distributed an itinerary for the tour, which included information on where to make hotel reservations for those planning on participating.

Old Business: Marshall asked for a show of hands for those planning on attending the Regional Meet in Bellevue and encouraged people to turn in their registration if they hadn’t already done so.

New Business: Due to the fact that several of the club members will be gone on the Albany, Oregon tour it was decided to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10th, at The Original Pancake House for the April monthly meeting. In response to the request for a raffle item for the Regional Meet, a motion was made, seconded and passed approving the donation of a Chukar Cherry basket with a wooden vehicle made by Rick. Jan and Mara volunteered to take care of this. Marshall suggested club members begin thinking about what we would like to do to celebrate our club’s 50th anniversary in 2020.

Projects: Jan remarked he thinks his Model A might have a blown head gasket, so he’ll be busy repairing that in the near future and Rick commented on having to replace the carburetor in his daughter, Alyce’s, Model A. In order to keep Model A or Model B carburetors from getting all gummed up, Marshall suggested turning off the gas and then letting the car idle until it runs out of gas. He has found this to work for him.

Announcements: Jan stated Mike and Jeanette McIinnis from La Grande joined our club with the intent of touring whenever possible. Long-time Model A enthusiast and newsletter editor from Spokane, Eileen LaFrance, passed away last month. Marshall announced the names of those celebrating birthdays this month and thanked Rick and Janet for hosting the Chocolate Extravaganza. Club members are reminded to continue to bring food items for donation to the food pantry. (19.2 pounds of food were donated at this meeting for a year-to-date total of 40.2 pounds.)

Respectfully Submitted by
Janet Budzeck, Secretary