

Willamette Valley Chapter

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Regional Meet, Cottage Grove

Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

Next Meeting: Mission Mill, Thomas Kay Woolen Mill Bldg, 1313 Mill Street SE, Card Room,
Thursday, August 6, 2009 7:00 pm

President Ray Ramsay

Historian Tom Morrison
Gene Byrnes

Vice President Jody Jones

Sunshine Dolores Byrnes

Secretary Beauford Averette

N.W.R.G. Tom Morrison

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Newsletter Tom Morrison
Ray Ramsay

Past President Dale Stites

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Ron Gilbreath 10
Gordon Andersen 09
Teresa Hughes 09

Raffle Chair Lew Garrison

Tour Chair Charlie Schmidt

Programs Ron Whitworth

Swap Meet Committee Charlie Schmidt, Lew Garrison, Gary LeMaster
Ron Whitworth, Dale Stites

Road Cleanup Langley Jones

Newsletter Editors of the Month

Board Meeting Hosts

January Hardy
February LeMaster
March LeMaster
April Byrnes
May Garrison
June Stites
July Morrison
August LeMaster
September Schmidt
October
November Hughes
December

January 15 Zielinski
February 19 Andersen
March 20 Morrison
April 16 Schmidt
May 21 Stites
June 18 Pizza Feed
July 16 Averette
August 20 Jones
September 17 Stites
October 15 Garrison
November 19 Ramsay
December TBA President's Breakfast

President's Comments:

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK..... It's hard to believe that Summer is almost half over. Today, as I am typing this, was the day that many of the Club members left for the Regional down in Cottage Grove. By the time you read this, you'll be back. I know you will have represented the Club wonderfully well and made us all proud and I trust you had a great time. Looking at the Tour Schedule for August and September, we should have something for everybody – from Baseball games (check the newsletter for more details and DON'T FORGET to bring \$11.00 per ticket to the August general meeting if you want to reserve a seat in the Model A section!) to a historic tour of our State's Capital to a combination Corn Feed and Club Model A Picture Day. And don't forget the Amity Pancake Breakfast on the 26th of this month. So much to do, so little time! See you at the August Meeting. Ray

Some material printed in this newsletter may have been borrowed from other publications. We wish to thank other clubs for sharing their newsletters with us. We are happy to share our articles and other information publication in their newsletters.

For information about the club, please contact Charlie Schmidt at (503) 263-6535

Willamette Valley Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
Board of Director's Meeting
July 16, 2009

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, by President, Ray Ramsay. Those in attendance were Ray and Peggy Ramsay, Beauford and Marie Averette (Hosts), Langley and Jody Jones, Gordon Anderson, Gary LeMaster, Ron Gilbreath, Tom Morrison, Lew and Judy Garrison, Dale Stites and Lee Hardy

The Board waived notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting.

The minutes of the July general were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer reported that the records were up to date and in proper order.

Model A Ford Problems Discussed: Lew Garrison is looking for one front spring perch. Lee Hardy has finally corrected his water pump problem. He just went back to his original and put a kit in it. Tom Morrison needs new brake drums. **Committee Reports: Tours:** The August 7th Knights of Columbus Rib Dinner is off the schedule and the August 8th Deadwood Railroad Tour has been put in its place. **Program** – Tom Morrison is responsible for the August program. George Ostertag will be presenting Back Roads of Oregon. Charlie Schmidt will present a slide show in September of the Ford sites he is visiting on his current trip. Gordon Andersen will present pictures of cars in a French Museum at the October General meeting. **Sunshine** – No report. **Socials** – We plan on having a Car Picture Day along with a corn feed at the Stites on September 17th. There will be a sign up for the Volcanoes August 18 ball game at the August General Meeting. **N.W.R.G.** – Dale Stites has volunteered to be in a skit on the 20th. The Board approved lending our awnings to the regional meet committee. The Board approved \$50.00 for a Made In Oregon gift to be donated as a raffle gift. Gary LeMaster will select the item. **Newsletter** – Gary LeMaster is the editor for the August issue. **Historian** - No report. **Swap Meet:** With Charlie Schmidt's resignation as chairman, the committee will carry on the work. The committee is composed of Lew Garrison, Gary LeMaster, Ray Ramsay, Dale Stites and Charlie Schmidt as advisor. The Board approved \$1,000.00 for this year's Chemeketa Community College Foundation Scholarship donation. **Old Business:** Tom Morrison reported on the proposed Club Web Site. The name will be Willamette Valley Model A Club.org (without the spaces between words.) It will list our activities such as: Swap Meet, Tours, Tree of Giving, Marion-Polk Co. Food Share, Chemeketa Community College Foundation Scholarship, and Road Cleanup. The name of the current President and Secretary will be listed as well as email addresses and our Post Office Box #. Also there will be an explanation of the purpose of the club. **New Business:** Philip and Carolyn Damon were approved at the newest members of the club. They have a 1930 Model a Coupe. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beauford Averette, Secretary

Two summer classes men may want to take

Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost--Real Life Testimonials.
Tuesdays at 6:00 PM Location to be determined

Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly While She Parallel Parks?
Driving Simulations.
4 weeks, Saturday's noon, 2 hours.

HUBLEY TESTING AT TOM'S July 12, 2009

This was a fun time. Tuning up Filing down Graphite Graphite Graphite



Race. File. More Graphite. Add weight. Race again. File some more...etc. etc. etc.



After we were Hublied out we went outside and played a game Lew & Judy brought over they call "Washers". It was a close race but Lew and Tom finally won over Lee and Verna!! What a hoot! jg



Tri-Club Picnic

Sponsored by the Albany Enduring A's
July 11, 2009



What a glorious day for a picnic! Not too hot. Not too cool. Four Model A's and eight members followed fearless leader, Lee Hardy (30 Cabriolet). Tom & Verna Morrison (30 Town Sedan) accompanied by Jim & Susan Brennan, Beauford & Marie Averette (30 Tudor Sedan) and Lew & Judy Garrison (31 Slant Window Towne Sedan). We met at the Safeway on the corner of Commercial and Fabry and left at 9:30 a.m. Traveling south down Battle Creek Road, right on Delaney and left on Cloverdale then following Parrish Gap Road to Jefferson and on to Albany. The park is owned by a farmer and rented out for special occasions. A delightful setting in oak trees and equipped with running water and flush facility. In all there were 31 Model A's of various styles and colors parked around a mowed grassy square. The picnic tables were set under the spreading oak trees and a feast of fat things we all enjoyed. Chicken and drinks were provided and participants all brought desserts and salads. Needless to say there was plenty to eat.



Following lunch we enjoyed the Hubley Races

Tom, Verna, Lew and Judy each had a car in the running. Tom's car did pretty well, but was eliminated after the second round. But our cheering continued till the end for those other cars still in the race.



*** And then came the Great Car Games***

Three different games: 1) Valve Toss, 2) Fan Belt Toss & 3) Balloon Pop. Again it was Tom and Verna and Lew & Judy who represented the Willamette A's and Tom and Verna actually showed their stuff finishing first in the Fan Belt Toss and tying for second in the Valve Toss.



We exchanged contact information with new-found friends,
Al and Sharon Hoelsing of Silverton...

...and said farewells with horn honking as we head off to Jefferson and then crossing I-5 and travel towards Independence, driving more miles on our return trip. All had a totally enjoyable day!!! We hope more members will join us for this fun day next year! Thank you to the Enduring A's



...and our Fearless Leader, Lee Hardy. ---jg

Eola Inn Breakfast

On July 15th we enjoyed a wonderful spot to have breakfast, suggested by Beauford and Marie, and it was delicious. In addition to a beautiful day we had a gorgeous view. Afterward we toured the Seventh Day Adventist Community Center which is managed by Gladys Anderson. The center provides clothes, food, baby layettes and lovingly handmade quilts to hundreds of those in need. Thanks Gladys and to the Church for such outstanding support to our community.

Volcanoes Baseball Night

August 18, 2009

Drive the "A" and meet at 5:15 – 5:30 PM Lowes Keizer Station

"Home Town Hero's Night" Game starts at 6:30 PM

Tickets \$11.00 per person

**BRING YOUR MONEY TO THE AUGUST MEETING
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT(S)**

The club will leave Lowes at 5:45 PM for the stadium. Time will be needed to park our cars in a safe place on the infield. As we are going as a group we must have a count at the general meeting and money for the ticket(s). We will sit as a group and the tickets will be handed out when we meet at Lowes. If you can't make the meeting and want to go, call Jody at 503 391 9754. Tickets will be available at the gate at \$12.00 but the Volcanoes can't assure us these purchases would get seats with the other members. Oh yes, a free baseball will be given to each ticket holder. **PLAY BALL!!**

Backroads of Oregon

This is the program for the next general meeting on Aug. 6. George Ostertag, a professional photographer, will speak and show pictures on one of our favorite subjects. Dont miss it!!

GOTS AND WANTS

1928 Special Coupe AR. Original title. One owner since purchased from original owner in 1955. 75,000 miles on odometer. Very sound body, primed. Multidisc clutch, spare engine and transmission Asking \$20,000. Bill Wingett 503-364-4098.

1928 Standard Coupe, disassembled. Engine rebuilt. \$9800 or make offer, Roseburg. 503-440-0715

1930 Tudor, Mitchell overdrive, 12 volts, electronic ignition, Snyder head, fine paint, \$17,000. Ron Harper, Albany, 50-3-929-2593.

1929 Rolling chassis and many parts. \$1250, Jack Darger, Brookings, 541-469-3406.

Oregon History Tour

Friday, August 21, 2009

Drive your Model A in front of the State Capitol at 10 AM on Friday, August 21. Parking will be reserved for us. This will be a splendid photo opportunity! Tom and Verna Morrison will introduce the group to our private Capitol tour guide, Dave Lau. He will take us on a custom tour of the capitol, and convey his deep knowledge of its history. For those hardy souls, Dave will take us up the winding staircase to the Capitol dome, an adventure in itself, with fine views of our fair city. Following this tour, we will drive to Mission Mill and have lunch. We will then have a private tour of the special Oregon History Exhibit, commemorating 150 years of our statehood. If time allows, and there is interest, we can tour the Mill itself, with the fascinating machinery and stories of its origin, powered solely by the water turbine which still operates. We are truly fortunate to have such attractions right here in Salem. Join us for a memorable day!

Deadwood Railway Tour

On August 8th we will partake in the Deadwood Railway tour. Meet at 7:00 am at the West Salem Safeway parking lot. Leave at 7:15 am to meet the Albany club in Corvallis at 8:30 am. Picnic tables are available, bring your own lunch, there is no charge but donations are welcome.

Trip to the 2009 NW Regional Meet in Cottage Grove

Sunday morning, July 19, Tom and Verna Morrison, Lee and Pat Hardy, Bud and June Wedel, Blair and Tracy Wasson, and Gene and Dolores Byrnes met and began touring to the Meet in Cottage Grove. Wassons and Pat Hardy drove their modern cars, the other three couples and Lee drove Model A's. The route went south through rolling farmlands through Jefferson to Brownsville where we stopped in the City Park for coffee and sweet breads. The park is pleasantly situated along the Calapooia River and was bustling with the sounds of children playing. Tom wanted to go fishing.

Continuing south, the group drove to the Crawfordsville Covered Bridge where we discovered we were missing Pat! A few radio messages and she was found very wisely waiting for us to catch up, as the traffic kept her from safely stopping at the bridge.

As the route progressed everyone breathed a sigh of relief when we crossed a county line into Lane County where a sign proclaimed we were now in a nuclear free zone! Driving along Brush Creek, then the Mohawk River, we stopped at two more covered bridges, Earnest and Wendling. A friendly young father and his daughter talked with us near the Wendling Bridge and told us a brief history of the area, the old mill town of Wendling on Mill Creek.

At noon we stopped at a 50's style drive-in for lunch in Springfield, "Fins". When we scouted the route, there was a 1959 Cadillac with huge "fins" parked in front. All watered, fed and rested, the group got back on the trail, found Franklin Blvd (after a couple tries) and progressed the last 20 some miles to Cottage Grove to the Holiday Innl. We checked in and unpacked and several went over to the Village Green Resort and registered for the Meet.

Don and Jean Gardner joined the group for dinner at the host hotel. They had driven in their modern car with Jean's wares she was vending at the Boutique and Country Faire. We said good night and good resting for an exciting week ahead.

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The Country Fair Days Meet, hosted by the McKenzie A's Chapter featured most events held outside on the well-landscaped grounds of the Village Green Resort. Many canopies were raised to protect vendors, shoppers, and strollers from the bright sunshine in the Carnival area.

Verna and Dolores attended a shoe fashion seminar Monday at 9 am. Patti Jones presented a showcase of men's, women's and children's footwear that were worn during the 1928-1931 era. Then we shopped the ERA Boutique and visited with Jean Gardner who was selling many era hand bags and an assortment of era treasures. Pat Hardy and Diane Stites shared a booth outside in the Carnival area. Pat was vending her handmade quilts, many antique doilies and other collectables. Diane sewed a whole passel of lovely hats in a variety of prints and some clever sets of coasters. Jean also had hand-made table accessories for sale in the booth with Pat and Diane.

Tom, Lee, and Gene attended "Car Painting 101" seminar by John Firth and Bill Cote. They presented different techniques and tools and answered questions. The seminar was presented again later in the week and Dale and Lou attended. The afternoon schedule featured "12 Reasons Why My Motor Goes Bad" by H & H. Problems and solutions were discussed.

Monday evening all were invited to a get acquainted dessert with pie and ice cream. Entertainment was provided by two singing groups but the most fun was the skit, starring the Stites and three other couples. The couples were behind a curtain with the husbands' heads and wives' arms sticking out openings. Then the wives (who couldn't see) tried to feed ice cream to their spouses. You really needed to see to appreciate! dwb

Fashion Seminar I – Era Shoes & Accessories

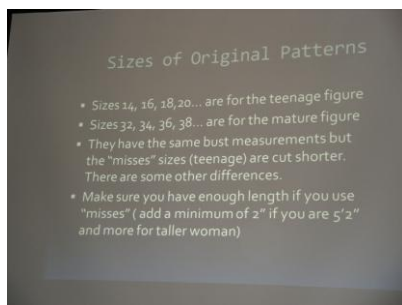
Patti Jones, involved in Model A's since the early '60's when her mother bought an "A", held this informative seminar showing samples of shoes, stockings and undergarments appropriate to wear in era judging events. She is also had good tips on where to buy shoes that are era looking.



Did you know that patent leather in men's shoes holds up longer than women's? And perhaps you were not yet aware shoes made of heavier fabric should be worn with heavier fabric clothing. Shoes with dots are always for casual wear. Open toed shoes are NOT era. (And get this one) Lounging wear pants were sometimes split right up the side and the ladies would wear this garment without an undergarment! "Who cares what shoes she is wearing?" Patti assured us that the judges are not perfect so be sure to bring documentation for everything. (Include the publication name, date and page number.) And have fun wearing era looking clothes even if not competing.

Fashion Seminar II—Secrets of Reproducing the 1928-31 Era-Look

Janet Gundlach, a self-taught seamstress and milliner, led this seminar with a power-point presentation. She really could have had a two or three-hour session for all the information she squeezed in. Janet had pictures of sewing patterns and how to identify if they are era (where the dates were found on the pattern etc.) and strongly admonished to make copies of original patterns and not use the originals. Samples of material were shown to give us an idea of what to look for. Tips for producing era-looking hats from inexpensive hats purchased at Fred Meyer and K-Mart was a high point for many. And OH! So much more! It was suggested that she make a CD of this Power Point presentation. And we certainly hope she does!



Janet encouraged us all to dress for the occ^o”A”sion. And to wear a hat! That way we don’t have to worry about our hair! Thanks to Patti and Janet for two wonderful seminars on Era Fashion! --jg

Hubley Races

Sixty cars assembled for this event, which always reaffirms the fact that Model A people have never grown up. Our club featured entrants Lew and Judy Garrison, Lee Hardy, Dale and Diane Stites, and Tom and Verna Morrison. Lew, Judy, and Dale made the finals after some thrilling races. Diane achieved the unheard of by having a dead heat—amazing, considering that the cars were timed to one thousandth of a second! Tom and Verna made their opponents feel good by losing all four of their races, which proves that tinkering with the cars is counterproductive. Judy had the fastest time of our entries—2.735 seconds. The winning racer was the ugliest car—unpainted and unadorned, but had the best time of 2.614 seconds. The races were great fun, with the usual loud, raucous crowd, unorganized cheerleading and other juvenile behavior!

Car Games

Gene and Dolores planned only to watch the games but as they drove through the gate, they found themselves in line behind Tom and Verna. With Verna’s encouragement, Byrnes continued.

The games included: **The Big Blowout, Fan Belt Toss, Valve Toss.** Club member who joined the Albany Enduring A’s picnic played these games.

When the Morrisons’ and Byrnes’ teams finished their competitions, they stood in the “rooting” section and hollered helpful (?) hints. Neither of our WV Club’s teams knows their final score. We didn’t win a trophy, but we had a fun trying. But, maybe not as much fun as the car that drove the entire course in **reverse** because of having a right hand drive steering wheel!

Down the Road

Aug	6 th	Thurs	General Meeting Mission Mill 7 pm	Aug	20 th	Thurs	Board Meeting, Jones 7:30 pm
Aug	8 th	Sat	Deadwood Railway Tour W Salem Safeway, 7 am	Sep	21 st	Fri	Oregon History Tour front of State Capital 19 am
Aug	9 th	Sun	39 th Annual All Ford Picnic Champoeg Park, 9-3, \$8	Sep	3 rd	Thurs	General Meeting Mission Mill 7 pm
Aug	10 th	Mon	Evergreen Aircraft Restora tion Shop Tour, Roth's W Salem, 9 am leave 9:30	Sep	12 th	Sat	Union Mill Tour, Molalla
Aug	18 th	Tue	Volcanoes Baseball Night Lowes, Keizer Station 5:15 pm	Sep	17 th	Thurs	Board Meeting, Picture Day and Corn Feed
Aug	20-23	Th-Sa	Camp out with Enduring A's McKenzie A's at Veneta OR Details forthcoming	Sep	26-27	Sat/Sun	International Model A Day Hood River Tour, Fruit Orchards and Auto & Aircraft Museum
Aug	23 rd	Sun	Concours d'Elegance at the Village Green, Cottage Grove 7:30 am to 4 pm				

The Connecting Rod

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