



**Willamette Valley Chapter**  
P.O. Box 3031 Salem, OR 97302



Compulsory coffee stop in Taupo, New Zealand  
Garth and Pauline Moore, 1931 Victoria

Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

**Next General Meeting 3 Club Picnic behind Fire Station #1, Salem, OR**

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 am**

<b>President</b>	Blair Wasson		<b>Historian</b>	Tom Morrison
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<b>Board Members</b>	Bob Burton	18	<b>Tour Chair</b>	Tim Fleming
	Lee Hardy	18		
	Peggy Ramsay	17	<b>Programs</b>	
	Fred Lissner	17		

**Swap Meet Committee** Lew Garrison, Dale Stites, Gary LeMaster

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**Newsletter Editors of the Month**

**Board Meeting Hosts**

**January** Hardy

**February** Hardy

**March** Hardy

**April** Garrison

**May** LeMaster

**June** LeMaster

**July**

**August**

**September**

**October**

**November**

**December**

**January 19** Flemings

**February 16** Giesbrecht

**March 16** Ramsay

**April 20** Fleming

**May 18** Garrison

**June 29** Pizza Feed

**July 4** 3 Club Picnic

**August** Annual Picnic (potluck)

**September 21** Wasson

**October 19** Burton

**November 16** LeMaster

**December 9** Pres. Lunch

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**Blair's Blather**

Thank You. With your help, our four decade record of swap meet success continues. Success, of course, can be defined in many ways. When reading the next day's newspaper, I saw no articles about wives shooting husbands who could not explain the relationship of their shrinking family check book balance vs. increasing piles of rust. This is one definition of success. Again, many thanks to all who worked so hard.

Be sure you remember to come to the July 4th picnic at the fire station. Using fireman terminology, it should be a blast. Also, please join us at Jim Rowen's great home on July 29th for our Club Picnic. Please let Jim know ASAP how many in your group will attend so that the club will know how much food to buy for the main entree.

Blair

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 Gary LeMaster 503-393-606**

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**Model A Ford Club of America  
Post-Swap Meet Pizza Feed and  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 29, 2017**

The combined post-Swap Meet Pizza Feed and June Board of Directors Meeting was held at Walery's Pizza in West Salem on the evening of June 29, 2017. Pizza consumption commenced shortly after 6:00 pm and the meeting itself convened about 7:30 pm after much pizza and conversation.

A brief financial re-cap of the Swap Meet was given by Gary LeMaster, our Club Treasurer. We had tremendous support from the Automotive Department from Chemeketa in setting up on Saturday which resulted in setup in record time. It was also noted that the law enforcement cadets from Chemeketa Community College did an outstanding job on the day of the meet. It is anticipated that they will be joining us again next year.

The position of Swap Meet Registrar was also discussed. Thanks were given to former Club member, Beauford Averette, who was hired to handle the position this year. Beauford had stated that he would not be available for next year's Swap Meet. Long-time Club member, Ron Whitworth, has stepped forward and volunteered to be our Registrar for the 2018 Swap Meet. Everyone's participation in this year's Swap Meet was greatly appreciated and based our success this year, it was decided to continue with the Swap Meet in 2018.

The only other business item that was handled was whether to continue to fund our scholarship to Chemeketa Community College for the coming year. After discussion, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was decided to continue with the scholarship for the next year. Our Treasurer, Gary LeMaster, will be facilitating this for the Club.

Regarding upcoming meetings – we may have an abbreviated meeting at the Club Picnic being held on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Jim Rowen's home. Due to crowded schedules and the Club Picnic, the August General and Board Meetings were cancelled. Meetings will resume in September. Meanwhile, check the Tour/Event Schedule that Tim Fleming has e-mailed and pick some events to attend. See you there!

Respectfully Submitted, Ray Ramsay, Secretary

**FOR SALE.** 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster. Older restoration. An excellent driver. Has been driven all over the Northwest. 6V alternator, leather front seat, toolbox, side curtains, boot for the top when folded down. Rumble seat. Good tires. \$18,000. Must sell due to health issues. More pictures available on request. Tom Morrison, Salem, Oregon, [503-364-3090](tel:503-364-3090) , [tomverna53@gmail.com](mailto:tomverna53@gmail.com)



## Willamette Valley Model A Club – Tours & Events 2017

Jul 1-4	Civil War Reenactment @ Powerland Heritage Park - 0900 - 1600	
Jul 4	Picnic @ Fire Station 10-1600 Cordon Rd.	
Jul 6-9	Oregon Tour	Hosted by Southern Club
Jul 15	Adair Picnic, Adair Park, 3 club meet, picnic starts at noon @ Adair Park - bring salad or desert to share - head count needed. Assemble & leave at ENT facility on River Road S, Salem, 0900	
Jul 29	Club Picnic - Rowen's Home, 6853 Rippling Brook Dr SE, Salem. Bring side, salad, desert to share – club will provide chicken and drinks	
Aug 12	Lebanon “furniture store” valley tour. Meet @ Safeway, South Salem – leaving at 0800, Fleming / Wasson	
Sep 16	Newell House Pioneer day	Model T club
Sep 30	Jordan Chicken dinner	Jordan
Dec 9	President's Lunch, Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Powerland Heritage Park 1100 am, Fleming/Ramsey	

My wife told me that she would leave if I brought home another old car.

I hate to see go. I'm really going to miss her.

### ADDITIVES

#### Question:

I want to drain, and clean out my radiator - just because it looks so "messy ". After filling the radiator with distilled water do you recommend any additive to the water? I live in the coastal area of So. California and we are not exposed to any freezing weather.

#### Answer:

I have been using a solution that I believe is called "Water Wetter". Check with your local Auto parts store. It is usually pink in color and it causes the water to dissipate more heat. It will help prevent overheating. Antifreeze or coolant will lower the freezing level and also raises the boiling level. The car actually runs hotter with coolant, but boils at a higher temperature. Water Wetter allows the engine to run cooler because it breaks the water down so it will dissipate more of the heat. -- **Les Andrews**, 1998 Technical Director

### FANS

#### Question:

Could you comment on the relative advantages, if any, of the 4 blade fan over the standard 2 blade fan. I have read technical discourses of the comparison the advantage of extra cooling vs. disadvantage of extra hp to drive 4 blade fan that are over my head. Simple question; which is best 2 or 4?

**Answer:**

Sorry I overlooked your question about the fan blade. The 2-Blade fan is an advantage as it actually delivers 15% more cooling than the 4-blade fan because of the propeller style blade. It also offers less drag on the engine. The disadvantage is that most of the original 2-blade fans have internal rust and through long use have metal fatigue. They must be checked carefully for cracks. I have seen many come apart and go through the hood. I would recommend having it magna fluxed for hidden cracks and then balanced. I would not recommend the reproduction aluminum 2-blade fans I have seen. They do not seem to be balanced well or fit the water pump shaft very well.

**OVERHEATING****Question:**

My father and I are restoring a 1930 model A...the engine continues to overheat. We have put on a rebuilt water pump, the radiator was soldered and filled, but we think the timing may be off. Please give us some suggestions and possible solutions.

**Answer:**

There are many things that can cause a Model A to overheat. The main cause is usually the radiator. First you can check to see if your radiator has 3 rows of tubes. Some replacement radiators had only 2 rows. That will not provide sufficient cooling. If the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, the fins of the radiator become loose and cannot dissipate the heat. Also, if the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, calcium deposits in the radiator will reduce the cooling efficiency of the radiator.

Now lets look at other causes of overheating. First make sure the timing is set correctly. Then make sure nothing is blocking the front of the radiator, like the license plate. If you have a new engine, it will sometimes run hot until it is broken in. There are several books and articles that have been written that will tell how to correctly set the timing. A blown head gasket can also cause overheating. Check for bubbles in the water at the filler neck. This would indicate a blown head gasket.

**Question:**

I am working on a 1930 model A coupe. I am having problems with it overheating. I have put on a new water pump and had the radiator redone. The water seems to be circulating through the motor just fine. I have replaced the points, plugs, condenser and timed it. I don't know what else to do. Have any suggestions?

**Answer:**

First lets define overheating.....is it steaming or just pump water out the top.... If it just pumping water out you may be over filling it....let the radiator find its own level...mine runs best with the water level just below the top of the core....to most this would look like the radiator needs water.

If you are steaming and you have done all the above. Check your fuel mixture. You may be running too rich. If that is ok, check your compression, you may have a head gasket leak. **Lyle Meek**, 1997 Technical Director

## **Tours & Events! 2017**

**Tours and Events for the remainder of the  
Summer are listed on Page 4 within.**

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