



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



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Model A Ford



Club of America



SALEM, OREGON

Model A



Restorers Club

**Next General Meeting, , Heritage Center (Mission Mill) 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Card Room, Salem, OR**  
**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm**

<b>President</b>	Gary LeMaster	<b>Historian</b>	Tom Morrison
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Myers	<b>Sunshine</b>	Ginny Giesbrecht
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Gary LeMaster	<b>Newsletter</b>	Gary LeMaster
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	Lee Hardy	<b>Programs</b>	
	Peggy Ramsay		
	Fred Lissner		

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

**Newsletter Editors of the Month**

<b>January</b>	Hardy
<b>February</b>	Hardy
<b>March</b>	Hardy
<b>April</b>	Hardy/LeMaster
<b>May</b>	LeMaster
<b>June</b>	
<b>July</b>	
<b>August</b>	
<b>September</b>	
<b>October</b>	
<b>November</b>	
<b>December</b>	

**Board Meeting Dates after the General Meetings**

<b>January</b>	<b>21</b>	Annual Banquet
<b>February</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>March</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>April</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>17</b>	Swap Meet
<b>July</b>		
<b>August</b>		
<b>September</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>October</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>President's Luncheon</b>

**Gary's Gab**

Another week of fabulously excellent sunny and warm weather, teasing us about getting our cars out on the road. And now we can look forward to another week or two of rain. This is a typical northwest weather pattern. We are hopeful that this pattern will be complete by the time the Swap Meet arrives on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets will be available at the May General Meeting. As usual, we will need as many members as possible to assist with setup on Saturday, managing the meet on Sunday and teardown starting at 2:00 pm. Arrival time on Saturday morning will be at 5:30 am. I plan on having assistance from Chemeketa as we did last year. Most of the work will be done by 10:00 am and then the lull sets in until teardown time. We have already started to receive reservations and the attendance looks to be another good.

Gary

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 503-393-6069**

## **Minutes of the Willamette Valley Chapter Model A Ford Club of America Board of Directors Meeting Held April 5, 2018**

The April 2018 Board of Directors Meeting was held at the Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill located in Salem, Oregon, immediately following the April General Meeting of the Club Membership. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:33 pm by President, Gary LeMaster. Officers and Board Members present at the meeting were President and Treasurer Gary LeMaster, Vice President Bob Myers and Board Members Lee Hardy, and Fred Lissner and. All attendees waived notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting. A lengthy discussion of the low attendance and what actions could be taken in order increase participation and new members was held.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Gary LeMaster, President.

### **April Program**

Ben Bales, a Lieutenant with the Salem Police Department, is the Construction Project Manager in charge of the new building being built on the old Honda dealership property, gave the April program. Many functions of the Police Department are spread throughout the city because there is insufficient room in the existing facility. For instance, the lab is located in the new sewage plant in Keizer. SWAT is located out on 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mission. Detectives are located in another facility. The new building will house all the various activities performed by the Police Department.

One complaint from the public is the location of the existing Department. It is somewhat hidden in the City Office complex and the lobby is quite small. The new building will have a large entrance for the public and a public meeting room. There will be plenty of parking at the front entrance for the public. All the Department vehicles will be housed in a new parking structure located on site. Everyone is excited about the new facility.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

The May General Meeting will have Travis, from Batteries Northwest giving us tips on how to prolong the life of our batteries. It has been quite a few years since Travis was here and much new technology has been developed. After his presentation there will be plenty of time for questions. Travis will start his talk at the beginning of the General Meeting. A number of years ago, Tom and Verna Morrison flew to the southern tip of South America and spent several weeks touring. He has a great presentation to share with us. His presentation will depend on when he returns from Arizona.

How would you like to travel to 5 deferent continents during the spring and summer in your Model A. Well Judy Richter is one of a group of eight who traveled around the world in four Model A Fords in 1982, traveling across 5 continents. They left Walnut Creek, California on March 23, 1982 ending in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 21 for the MAFCA Convention. Judy tells the inspiring story of the trip with slides and her collection of memorabilia. We are looking forward to her visiting our club and her presentation, tentatively set for our September or October meeting. Judy currently lives outside Elgin, Oregon.

## Grade A Milk

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk. The question was worth 70 points of none at all. One student was hard put to think of seven advantages. He wrote:

- 1) It is the perfect formula for the child.
- 2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
- 3) It is always the right temperature.
- 4) It is inexpensive.
- 5) It bonds the child to the mother and vice versa.
- 6) It is always available as needed.

And then the student was stuck. Finally in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test he wrote:

- 7) It comes in two attractive containers and is high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

He got an A

## Squeaks, Leaks & Rattles

Four of our members went to the Squeaks, Leaks & Rattles session at Bill Cote's east of Corvallis: Blair Wasson, Tom Morrison, Jim McCubbin & Bob Myers. About 30 people attended including Eugene Mackenzie A's, Albany Enduring A's and our club. Bill served a great chili and cornbread lunch with water and soft drinks.

Here are a few tips of the many presented:

### Squeaks

Unlike metals touching, instead of same metal, will reduce squeaks.

Cotton between seat springs reduces squeaks.

Stop light switch: There are two types, with and without brass bushings. Those with the brass bushings squeak less because of the different metals. Oil on the shaft also reduces squeaks on both types of switches.

### Leaks

There is a tube that can be installed in the bottom of the steering box that extends above the fluid level to stop a leak.

### Rattles

A rattle in the steering column might be fixed by drilling at the point of the rattle and squirting in some spray foam.

A hard to find rattle could be a broken baffle in the muffler.

# 46<sup>th</sup> Salem Swap Meet

## Chemeketa Community College

Sunday June 17, 2018

7:00 am to 2:00 pm

- *Vintage Auto and Related Collectibles*
- *Food and Beverage Stand*
- *No Vendor Space Reservations*
- *All Spaces Outside on Hard Surface*
- *Free Overnight Parking for Vendors on Saturday*
- *Free Admission and Free Parking for the General Public*
- *No Auxiliary Generators Permitted*
- *No Firearms or Firearm Sales Permitted*
- *Dogs Must Be Kept on a Leash*

Vendor Spaces – Approx. 9' x 20' - \$20 Each

Make checks payable to “Willamette Valley Model A Ford Club”

Display Your Vintage Auto While Attending the Meet

*Special Area for Car Sales*

*Food and Beverage Sales Limited to the Food Booth Only*

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*For Reservations and More Information contact*

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An elderly, but hardy cattleman from Texas once told a young female neighbor that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning. She did this religiously and lived to the age of 103. She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and a 40 foot hole where the crematorium used to be.

## **Oregon Tour – July 12-15, 2018**

**WELCOME** to the 2018 Oregon Tour hosted by the Willamette Valley Model T Ford Club. This year's tour will be located in Lebanon, Oregon amid the beautiful Willamette Valley.

### **TOUR SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: Registration from 11 AM – 2 PM in the Lobby of the Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn. A short tour to Hometown Furniture Store to visit this unique display of antique vehicles amid, of course, furniture. Our welcoming dinner will be at the James Gang Pizza Parlor.

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: Upon leaving Lebanon, we will travel to the upper end of Foster Dam and then drive scenic back roads to Sweet Home for lunch. Afternoon activities are still in the planning stage.

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: Today we will travel to Coburg where we will visit a man who is a collector and restorer of antique engines. This collection is housed in a barn that was especially built to house this collection. Following lunch we will continue with activities that are still in the planning stage.

Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: On our final day we will drive to Thompson's Mill (a water powered mill) and then return for a catered Farewell lunch at The Lobby, a Lebanon restaurant built in the lobby of an old hotel.

**Hotel reservations** can be made at the Best Western Boulder Falls Inn, 505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, OR. Rooms are \$119 plus tax per night. Make reservations prior to June 15<sup>th</sup> by calling 541-451-1000 and mention that you are with the Model T Oregon Tour group.

**RV reservations** for Gills Landing Campground can be made online at [www.ci.lebanon.or.us](http://www.ci.lebanon.or.us) or call

541-258-4917. Senior rates are \$30 per night. This is a small park with limited spaces so early reservations are important to ensure your spot in the park.

Cut here and Return your Application by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Oregon Tour in Lebanon, OR July 12-15, 2018  
Hosted by the Willamette Valley Model T Ford Club  
Registration Form

**Tour Fees:**

Charge for Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ 25.00

Refreshment Stops/Hospitality: \$ 5.00/person X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
# of people

Sunday lunch: \$15.00/person X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
# of people

**TOTAL** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Want to come for 1 day only? Give us a call**

Staying in Motel \_\_\_\_\_ Staying in RV Park \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger's Names/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Car \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to WVMTFC and mail by June 15<sup>th</sup> to:**  
**Joanne Blain, 7623 Jackson Hill Rd SE, Salem, OR 97306**

Questions? Contact Joanne Blain at 503-585-8078, [djblain@msn.com](mailto:djblain@msn.com) OR Cookie Feskens at 503-362-7157, cfeskens @ comcast.net

### **You gotta love Grandmas**

A doctor that had been seeing an 80 year-old women for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these, his eyes grew wide as he realized grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?" "Yes, they help me sleep at night." "Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!" She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me, it definitely help me sleep at night." You gotta love Grandmas!

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## ***Upcoming Events and Tours!***

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| <b>May 3</b>   | <b>Thur</b> | <b>General Meeting 7:00 PM</b><br>Mission Mill, Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor |
| <b>May 14</b>  | <b>Mon</b>  | <b>Breakfast at Sybils on State Street,</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b>                   |
| <b>June 7</b>  | <b>Thur</b> | <b>General Meeting 7:00 PM</b><br>Mission Mill, Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor |
| <b>June 16</b> | <b>Sat</b>  | <b>SWAP MEET SETUP 9:00 AM</b><br>Chemeketa Community Collage                   |
| <b>June 17</b> | <b>Sun</b>  | <b>ANNUAL SWAP MEET 5:00 AM</b><br>Chemeketa Community College                  |

