



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



**1931 Convertible Sedan A-400**

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, September 6<sup>th</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
<b>Secretary</b>		<b>N.W.R.G.</b>	Tom Morrison
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	Peggy Ramsay		
	Fred Lissner		

**Swap Meet Committee** Lew Garrison, 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>	LeMaster
<b>July</b>	
<b>August</b>	LeMaster
<b>September</b>	LeMaster
<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>2</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>	President's Luncheon

**Gary's Gab**

Since the General Meeting, Ray Ramsay has put "Alice" up for sale. Also, Tom Morrison has put his Woodie up for sale. Their house is about to close on the sale and he has to reluctantly sell the car since he has no storage available in Arizona. Information on both cars is listed later in the newsletter. The flyer for Judi Richter's presentation set for October 6<sup>th</sup> at the NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum is on page 4. All members and their families are invited to attend. We are making an invite to Powerland and other car clubs in the area. This should be a very interesting presentation.

Please make phone calls to both Ray and Roland. They will appreciate the calls to lift their spirits during this trying time for both. We are still looking for a Secretary to replace Ray. Anyone interested should contact any Board member. Mark your calendars for December 8<sup>th</sup> for the President's Luncheon to be held at the Car Museum at Powerland.

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 August 2nd, 2018

The August 2018 Board of Directors Meeting was held after the General Meeting. Again the primary discussion was about the low attendance to the General Meetings. It was decided that lack of programs and few tours attributed to the problem. Tom Morrison brought up several potential tours during the General Meeting and volunteered to lead some of those tours. It was reported that the MG Club in Dallas is assisting Jim Rowen and Lew Garrison in assembling Roland Giesbrecht's Model A Pickup. We are currently looking for a Secretary to replace Ray Ramsay who will not be able to complete his duties due to a medical issue. Any member who is interested in performing the duties of Secretary should contact any Board member. In addition Peggy Ramsay's Board position will need to be filled as she is Ray's full time care giver. Ray would appreciate phone calls but no visitations for a couple of weeks and you will need to call first.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary LeMaster, President.

### Cars For Sale

**1930 Ford Deluxe 4dr Phaeton** - Washington blue with Straw w/w wheels and pin striping. Restored over 15 years ago in excellent condition, runs well with excellent top. 6 volt with alternator. Hardened valves, new heavy duty radiator, and equipped with seat belts. Clear Oregon title. \$25,000. Contact Lew Garrison at 503-931-6072 or [lewscars@gmail.com](mailto:lewscars@gmail.com)



1930 Model A Station Wagon. Model 150-B. This car was built from scratch with mostly donated parts over the last five years. All the wood was hand crafted like the original in my shop. It has a rebuilt engine, transmission, differential, new tires, turn signals, seat belts, and new upholstery. It only has 200 miles on it since completion one month ago. Runs great! \$30,000. Tom Morrison, Salem 503-364-3090 or 503-559-9797.





## **Manifold Gasket**

by **Richard Bates, San Diego CA**

I recently made an interesting repair to a failed exhaust manifold gasket. We were on an extended trip (4,500 miles.) from San Diego to the deep woods of Vancouver Island, BC when the gasket blew out. The primary cause of the failure was the warping of the manifold. We didn't have a replacement gasket so we cut gaskets from regular higher temperature stock. As we knew would be the case, the misalignment of the exhaust manifold with the engine block did not allow gland rings to be fit, but in this particular circumstance we needed something to augment what was obviously an inadequate seal.

The trick we used was to make exhaust manifold gland rings from copper water pipe. We cut with a hacksaw, as carefully as we could, lengths from the pipe that would extend out of the engine block just the thickness of the gasket material. These rings were split and the joint hand filed until they could be tapped firmly into the engine block counter bore. Our reasoning was that when the manifold assembly was tightened into place the gasket would be compressed somewhat and the interference of the misaligned manifold faces with the copper glands would fix them into place and provide exhaust gas barriers for the vulnerable gasket material. There was no failure of the gasket after the rings were installed. Other antique automobile engines I am familiar with do have these exhaust manifold sealing rings and they make an almost foolproof manifold seal in conjunction with a gasket. Ford had a terrible problem with warping of the manifold and had to abandon the gland ring in production. Our experience in the North Woods with this copper ring approach suggests that the seal can be greatly enhanced. It directs the hot exhaust flame away from the gasket seal and is held firmly in place.

Subsequently we have machined the manifold assembly gasket face flat, and have installed copper glands just because it is so easy to do, and as was demonstrated to us, is effective even without the ring penetrating the manifold counter bore.

# A RACE AGAINST TIME...



Imagine the buzz back in 1982. Judi McMillin Richter and some other intrepid drivers would be attempting a trip in their Model A Fords—a trip that could have been right out of a Hollywood movie. Wini Carter, a journalist for the Renton Reporter in Washington, reported that the cost per car would be an estimated \$19,000 (\$49,619 today)! 50 people had signed up, but the high cost kept all but eight people and four cars in the “Race Against Time!”

On **Saturday, October 6th, at 1pm**, the Willamette Valley Model A Ford Club presents Judi McMillin Richter at a special afternoon presentation. Come listen to Judi talk about her and fellow adventurers' experiences of 1982 at the [Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum](#) at Powerland Heritage Park in Brooks, Oregon. Judy will be sharing a special slide show of her photo collection along with memorabilia that chronicled her around the world journey of almost 40 years ago!

Admission to Judi McMillin Richter's presentation is \$5.00 at the door.

For more information, contact [Bob Myers](#). **Please reply with RSVP.**

**The Willamette Valley Model A Ford Club thanks the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum members for their hospitality!**



## *Upcoming Events and Tours!*

Sep 6	Thur	General Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Mill, Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Sep 10	Mon	Model A Breakfast, Sybil's Restaurant 2373 State Street, Salem, OR, 8:30 am
Oct 4	Thur	General Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Mill, Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Oct 6	Sat	Judy Richter – 5 Continent Tour Slide Show 12:30 pm, NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum, Powerland Heritage Center
Oct 8	Mon	Model A Breakfast, Sybil's Restaurant 2373 State Street, Salem, OR, 8:30 am
Nov 1	Thur	General Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Mill, Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Nov 12	Mon	Model A Breakfast, Sybil's Restaurant 2373 State Street, Salem, OR, 8:30 am
Dec 4	Thur	General Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Mill, Card room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Dec 8	Sat	President's Luncheon, 1100 am NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum
Dec 10	Mon	Model A Breakfast, Sybil's Restaurant 2373 State Street, Salem, OR, 8:30 am



**The Connecting Rod**  
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